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Coordinated by Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn., a volunteer organization of 189 highway observers watches trucks on the highway, keeps management informed. In the first three months of this year, patrol members from 10 states have made 2500 reports in 13 states on trucks and buses domiciled in 28 states. Learn how you can participate in this effective accident reducer. Page 64.

#### Capital Earnings Guide Vehicle Replacement

Management Counsel Joel Dean takes a look at 10 methods of deciding when to replace vehicles, says purchase of a new truck is a capital expenditure not an expense item, concludes that expected operating cost of new truck must produce sufficient saving over expected operating cost of old truck to justify replacement. Here is how he determines those costs. Page 66.

#### Selective Concentration Cuts Accident Rate

Making a safety program accomplish the most with available funds is the goal of Howard Baker, Montreal Transportation Commission safety director. Coordination of data from detailed studies of hazardous intersections and locations, pinpointing the nature of the most recurring accidents and careful analysis of the most accident-prone employees does the job for this urban transit fleet. Page 68.

#### PIE Sliced Workmen's Compensation Loss 47%

Pacific Intermountain Express's loss ratio hit 62 per cent in 1949, challenged Safety Director K. N. Beadle to do something about it. Here he reports in detail what P.I.E. did to cut that loss, shows the savings possible when an effective training program works to slice industrial accidents in the fleet field. Page 70.

#### There's Not Much Excuse for Vehicle Fires

Analysis of 2208 vehicle fires reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission indicates that it is easier to prevent them than it is to fight them. Following up on shop fire prevention and control (Jan., page 86), this study discusses what should be added to your driver training and preventive maintenance programs to prevent vehicle fires. Page 74.

#### National Materials Handling Show

In the over 300 exhibits at the Fifth National Materials Handling Show, held last month in Philadelphia, there were many pieces of time and labor saving freight handling equipment of interest to fleetmen. Space does not permit a complete summary, but here is a brief review of 21 of the latest models selected as being of particular interest to bus and truck fleet operators. Page 86.

## There's No Such Thing As <u>Normal</u> Conditions In the Fleet Business

Even on long, hot climbs (like this famous "Seven Mile Grade" on U.S.



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#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

#### Restricted Streets—An Answer to City Traffic

A LL who read this magazine are familiar with signs restricting certain streets from certain types of traffic. Some beat around the bush with such belabored phrases as "Burdened Vehicles." Others bluntly state "Trucks Prohibited." All in essence say:

#### "CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC"

Basically there is nothing wrong with such a sign. It helps speed the flow of passenger car traffic; guards cheaply built streets from undue weight; protects adjacent property owners from the noise and bustle of heavy vehicles.

But how many have given thought to the possibility of a similar sign on different streets? It might well read:

#### "CLOSED TO ALL PASSENGER CARS"

Actually the local transit people have given much thought to such a sign. They know how much it would speed the flow of their buses, rail cars and trackless coaches and they have figures to prove it.

Just recently E. E. Kearns of the General Electric Company restated some of them in dramatic form at an American Transit Association meeting in Washington. Said Mr. Kearns:

"One surface transit vehicle carries as many people as one city block crammed full of automobiles.

"One surface transit line at full capacity can carry as many people as five streets jammed with private cars.

"One four-track rapid transit line is equivalent to 15 eight-lane Freeways."

Unfortunately dreams of such a Utopia should quickly be supported by sobering realities. For one thing no transit property has yet come close to obtaining such restrictions. For another it would have to guarantee greatly improved service so that passengers could be handled with the speed, convenience, flexibility, and comfort to which they have been accustomed in their passenger cars.

On top of that there is no transit line we can think of which has sufficient density of traffic, present or potential, to possibly justify exclusive use of any given street.

So enter the lowly truck. Could not the same means of speeding local transit also be the means of speeding commerce? If trucks and transit vehicles could share the *same* restricted streets, both could greatly increase efficiency.

Even on the narrow three-lane streets that are so familiar in our older cities, through trucks and transit vehicles could share two lanes. The third, unhampered by passenger car competition, could be utilized for essential pick-up and delivery.

Of course there are many problems to be solved before such an idea could be realized. The squawk of local merchants would have to be resolved by the speed and comfort in which transit could bring customers to their doors. The truckers would have to totally eliminate double parking even for momentary stops. The screams of temporarily inconvenienced John Q. Motorist would have to be logically and factually answered. And so on ad infinitum.

But the point is that it *could* be done. And it might be a whole lot easier to accomplish the job if the owners of some 90,000 transit vehicles could be supported by the owners of approximately 9,000,000 trucks.

Instead of tackling their traffic problems as separate unrelated items why could not the truckers and the bus operators join forces in a common cause? Once agreed on their joint campaign, they could extend a full measure of needed give-and-take with passenger car interests and the City Fathers.

Bart Rawson Editor

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## Your Service

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by MURRAY SIMKINS Managing Editor \_

#### Improper Condenser Installation

AS is known, dwell variation in distributor point adjustment should not exceed two degrees. Some mechanics have condemned some of the Delco Remy distributors for exceeding this limit when the trouble was caused from improper mounting of the condenser.

On some types of condensers the body may slip in the mounting bracket permitting contact with the vacuum advance arm. This causes unusual movement of the distributor breaker plate, thus changing the dwell of the points. Be sure to watch for this before rebuilding a distributor.

#### When Brake Drums Crack

IT is probably common knowledge to most operators that persistent brake drum cracking on trailers can be caused right in the parking lot. However, many are learning this the hard way. Recently a fleetman told us that he had lost a considerable amount of drums due to the hot drums contracting upon cooling after a run. When trailers are parked, the emergency valve applies the brakes on a hot drum, and it's got to move but can't because of the shoes. Result, sometimes broken

Some fleets have installed reinforced drums to correct this condition. You may want to reduce air pressure in the tank and chock them. At least consider this possibility with recurring brake drum failures on trailers.

#### Can You Use a Dynamometer?

THIS is no attempt to sell you a dynamometer. Admittedly every fleet cannot justify the cost of one. But where you can run at least a couple of trucks a day through a dynamometer test, you should be looking at

Bus operators, especially find the dynamometer valuable in several ways. First, it catches maladjustments before they cause delays. It saves considerable time over a road test. It makes possible the utilization of every horse built into the engine.

And that's a big factor as far as driver relations are concerned. Bus properties emphasize this angle. You can prove to a driver that it is either right or wrong in his complaints. After a bus (or a truck) passes over this test, the driver has no more complaints—and your headaches are reduced in direct proportion.

#### Have You Tried Hot Spray?

THE subject of hot spray painting comes up again. A certain few operators are not as yet convinced that this type process is practical outside the factory. Fleetmen we have checked with, however, insist that hot spraying is the answer to painting problems. They say that they are getting excellent durability with one coat, that no prime coat is necessary, and that a high gloss is possible.

Another user states that he is saving 50 per cent in labor costs and is getting a better job with hot spray. His satisfaction arises from the fact that problems peculiar to painting are minimized. For example, there is less chance for dust to interfere. With the reduced air pressure required, fog and mist are reduced so that working conditions are more favorable.

#### How is Your Brake Maintenance?

ATEST ICC reports analyzing mechanical defect accidents tells about the same old story in spite of an almost universal attempt by fleets to improve the level of their maintenance. Tires, brakes, lights, fuel lines, engines—in that order, were the chief offenders.

According to the report "an overwhelming majority resulted from brake failures which could have been corrected or prevented." Leaks, bad adjustment, valve deterioration and hose failures accounted for most of the accidents.

The study shows that brake accidents have increased from 188 in 1942 to 833 in 1951, accounting for 40.7 per cent of all mechanical defect accidents. The following comprises ICC's specific recommendations with respect to brake accidents:

It is the carrier's obligation to make certain that procedures are installed and followed and mechanics and drivers are properly trained to assure that such actions are followed. Decelerometers and test gauges should be standard equipment for every carrier performing his own brake maintenance. Drivers should be carefully instructed to recognize defective brakes. On hundreds of reports, drivers have stated that their vehicles have jackknifed when the brakes were applied and yet neither the driver-nor the carrier-have expressed the slightest suspicion that the brakes were defective. Properly-balanced brakes do not behave in this manner and the sooner drivers and carriers realize the correctness of this statement the sooner hundreds

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of accidents will be avoided. The same statement may be made with reference to the following-air and vacuum lines do not have to leak; large vehicles can be made to stop within 30 feet from 20 miles per hour; and parking brakes are available to hold vehicles stationary. On many of the carrier's reports of accidents due to parking brake failures the carrier states that it was the driver's fault because he "failed to chock the wheels." This statement makes it readily apparent that the carrier realized the parking brake was inadequate and, for that reason, the carrier is equally responsible. Particularly to be condemned as a cause of accidents is the practice of placing reliance in parking upon the trailer-control valve. This practice can be overcome to a greater extent by driver education but carriers can also materially assist by providing adequate and properly-maintained parking brakes. Manufacturers can also assist in this matter.

#### Air Suspension for GM Coaches

CENERAL MOTOR'S air suspension system, described in November in CCJ, will be installed as standard equipment on the 37-, 45- and 51-passenger transit models and the 45-passenger suburban models.

Other features of the new coaches are: redesigned front stepwell, shorter turning radius, safety glass as standard equipment, and dual mufflers.

#### **Electronic Diagnosis**

RAY KING, assistant service manager of Diamond T Motor Car Co. in Chicago, is using a portable electronic stethescope in locating mechanical troubles. He says it takes the guesswork out of diagnosis. Noises can be isolated quickly without any lost motion.

The Elec-Detec now is used to check all rebuilt engines before they leave the test block. In this way fallibility of the human ear is eliminated. Places can be probed that would otherwise be inaccessible. The engine can be running at high speed and still a diagnosis can be made quickly and conveniently. Trouble can be located by turning units by hand since the equipment is sensitive enough to detect sounds at low speeds that could otherwise be heard only at high speeds.

If your mechanics like the plain old screwdriver for locating engine noises, they will certainly appreciate the electronic device. Might save some misjudgments too.

#### Simplified Flaw Inspection

SEVERAL fleetmen have indicated interest in Turco's Dy-Check flaw location kit. While it is not a substitute for Magnafluxing, certain parts can be checked (TURN TO PAGE 14, PLEASE)

# BLOWOUTS, BRUISES, BREAKS AND CHAFING ENDED

#### Lee Know-How Did It!

This is the story of a fleet in the Southwest, where the trucker was using the correct tires but still was having a heap of trouble. Lee helped him overcome a very expensive and curious condition.

#### PROBLEM

The trucks operating out of four of this hauler's five branches were getting good mileage with Lee highway truck tires.

But the fifth was a dog! Everything that can happen to tires was happening . . . blowouts, impact breaks, bruises, bead chafing.

**Operation**—Hauling steel and other building materials

**Equipment**—Straight trucks and tractor semitrailers

Axle Loads—Normal for the tire size and ply rating used

Speed-Fast

Roads—Very abrasive black top, high crowned

Tires Used—Regular highway truck type

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Lee first checked truck loads and found they were normal.

**Because** appearance of tires still indicated either overload or underinflation, Lee checked all air pressures.

It turned out that most tires had only one-half the necessary pressure. The branch was not checking pressures itself, but relying on a local service station. The attendant at the station didn't bother with a gauge, but checked the air by kicking the tires with his cowboy boots. This was considerably less than scientific for anything except finding a flat.

**Because** you cannot get normal tire mileage without proper in-

flation, Lee recommended that the trucker install a compressor at this branch and that all tire maintenance be handled there on a systematic basis. This plan was adopted.

#### RESULTS

Excessive tire failures were eliminated.

Long-distance emergency trips to fix tires became a rarity instead of an everyday event.

Hauler now gets full service from original treads.

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very conveniently and quickly with this portable set up. It is recommended that some sort of flaw inspection be incorporated in your maintenance program in the interest of safety and longer parts life. Certainly one advantage of Dy-Check is its simplicity of application.

If you use it, simply wipe the area or part being inspected with a rag saturated with Dy-Check remover. The brilliant red liquid, Dy-Chek Dye penetrant, is then brushed onto the surface being inspected. After being allowed to dwell long enough to enter any defects that may extend to the surface of the metal, the excess penetrant is removed. This may be accomplished either by wiping with a rag saturated with the remover, or by brush application, followed by a water rinse, if water is available.

Since, to insure accuracy, it is a necessity to apply Dy-Chek Developer by spray, two pressurized sprayers of developer are provided. The developer is "fogged" along the surface being inspected until a thin, even white coating of developer has been applied. The developer dries almost instantaneously, pulling the hidden red penetrant to the surface at locations where flaws exist. Cracks are indicated as brilliant red lines, while red dots indicate porosity. Depth of defects is indicated by richness and speed of bleed-back.

#### To Match Dual Tires

A HANDY new dual tire matching caliper is available from United States Rubber Co. The tool may be used to insure proper matching when installing new tires or when rotating tires. Also, where a trucker stocks recapped or repaired tires, he can identify them by measurement for ready reference when matching them with the tires on his trucks.

#### Save Time in Tire Work

ENGINEERS at The Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa., have developed a pneumatic tire and rim mounter for heavy-duty assemblies. The device can be adapted to the fleet shop and will cut the work required in mounting rims and tires in half. Complete plans for the machine can be obtained by writing Autocar.

Set over an 18-in. pit, 24 in. in diameter, is a steppeddown, circular casting which can hold wheels or demountable rims 20, 22 or 24 in. in diameter. The bottom of this casting is at floor level.

Fastened on a plate in the pit below the floor level are a pair of Westinghouse air-brake cylinders, 6 in. in diameter, with a 234-in. stroke and a capacity of 1500 to 2000 lb psi. Both brake cylinder arms are fastened to an 11-in. cross-piece of ½-in. steel. A 2-in. steel spindle rod attached to the center of this cross-piece rises through the center of the stepped-down

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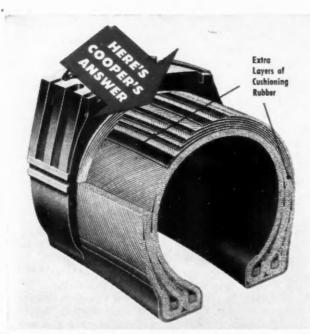
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#### **Make This Heat-Flex Test Yourself**

Hold Hands Close Together. Bend an ordinary piece of wire rapidly back and forth so that the flexing action is concentrated at one localized point. Notice how quickly the wire gets hot, loses its strength, breaks!

Move Hands Farther Apart. Bend wire as before. Notice the absence of heat because the flexing action is no longer concentrated at one localized point. Eliminate localized flexing and you cut down heat-flex failures. That's what Cooper DSC construction does for you.

New Cooper DSC Construction Can Cut Heat-Failures As Much As 50%... Guarantees More Mileage, More Recaps

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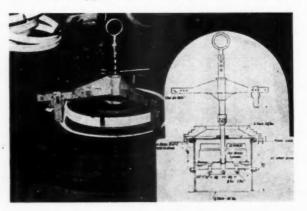
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casting to about 5 in. above the floor. A  $\frac{5}{6}$ -in. cross-rod is mounted through the top of this spindle.

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tire on the rim base, slips the side ring on after and positions the locking ring.

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#### **Bolts v. Rivets**

INCIDENTALLY, B. B. Bachman, Autocar engineering vice-president, recently re-emphasized the company's use of nuts and bolts rather than rivets. In Autocar's recent sales bulletin, Bachman says bolts are stronger than rivets and cheaper to install.

He adds that they also withstand vibration, impact and heavier loads better than rivet construction. Rivets have a tendency to loosen, particularly when they are installed hot. Very often they work loose, rattle around and wind up with an egg-shaped hole in the frame.

Often, he says, it is almost impossible to remove the rivets and replace them. In some cases, it is necessary, where rivets are used, for a driver of a vehicle to continue operating his truck with the knowledge that rivets are loose and he can do nothing about them. He also points out that it is not uncommon in the field to find there are no facilities for replacing rivets.

#### Chevrolet . . . No V-8 Engine

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### WASHINGTON RUNAROUND

by KARL RANNELLS Washington Correspondent

#### Explosives . . . Rights Recommended

First round in the running battle over rights to transport explosives has gone to truckers. Latest skirmish was over applications for such operating authority by a number of highway carriers. Railroads and others objected strongly, loudly. But the ICC examiner, after extended hearings, recommended varied authority to Riss & Company and several others. Main importance lies in the findings that the past record of motor carriers is "satisfactory," that transport of ammunition and explosives by "qualified" motor carriers is no more dangerous than by railroads. Final approval of the recommended authority by the full ICC would, in effect, also endorse these opinions.

#### Leasing Regs . . . Effective Sept. 1

Interstate Commerce Commission's common and contract motor carrier leasing regulations will be effective Sept. 1, it was ordered last month. The order also includes changes and modifications to the original regulations. Meanwhile, legislation setting aside the ICC's power to regulate leasing is still pending in Congress. Agriculture, formerly almost solidly behind the measure, may be appeased by the modifications. Private carriers, also strong backers at one time, are concerned about proposed amendments to the bill. Senate won't take up the measure until after the House acts, thus may not get to it before adjournment. Capitol sources give the bill a 50-50 chance of enactment this session.

#### BPR . . . Not Much Change

Despite talk, there won't be much change in Bureau of Public Roads policy or operations. Commerce Secretary Weeks says definitely that the Bureau is not to be watered down, that it will carry out whatever highway policies and programs are "placed before it by Congress and the president." But it will be streamlined after a management study. Mr. Weeks did not apply the 15 per cent cut to the \$540 million federal aid item.

#### Military Traffic . . . New Top Job

Starting what looks to be a general reshuffling of the Defense Department's transportation functions, Secretary Wilson has created position of director of transportation. This is to be filled by Kenneth L. Vore who has been head of the Military Traffic Service since early 1951. Vore's big job will be to keep the Secretary and staff advised on department traffic matters, to establish and review policies and programs along this line. Major General Frank A. Heilman, recently retired as Army Chief of Transportation, was named as consultant to Vore and Colonel Charles H. Voeller was made executive assistant.

#### Sizes and Weights . . . duPont Wants Facts

Public Roads Commissioner du Pont is on record as favoring adoption of standardized sizes and weights for commercial vehicles throughout the country. But so far he has steered clear of coming out in favor of any specific standards, says there is a "paucity of determined fact" on which to do so, wants more facts. He feels the Maryland road test was far from conclusive or constructive, pins hope on better, broader tests to be made this year in Idaho, Illinois.

#### Automatic Rate Increases . . . Still Stymied

Enactment by Congress of the so-called automatic rate increase legislation is still a long way off despite railroad pressure. This bill (S-1461) would make it mandatory for ICC to put requested rail rate increases into effect within 60 days. If eventually turned down by ICC or granted a rate less than asked, railroads would refund any overcharge. Last month, bill was still in Senate committee hands. House may not get around to it this session.

#### ICC Funds . . . Senate Debating

Senate Interstate Commerce committee last month was debating whether to try to restore funds for safety and field operations of the Bureau of Motor Carriers. The \$1.8 million asked for BMC was lopped off by the House from \$11.2 million voted for all ICC work next year. This is \$1 million less than asked but \$150.000 more than voted last year. House Interstate committee said it saw no reason for giving ICC more funds until it is reorganized.

#### RR Free Pickup . . . ICC Suggests 10¢ per cwt

Proposals for dropping presently free pickup and delivery service of eastern railroads have been turned down by ICC. Commission said proposed 10-to-37 cents per cwt were too high, would give freight forwarders, truckers too much "competitive advantage." Commission suggested it would be better to make a flat charge of 10 cents per cwt for such service, regardless of distance, that uniform rates are important for such service and should be established.

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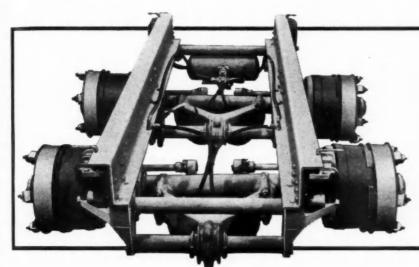
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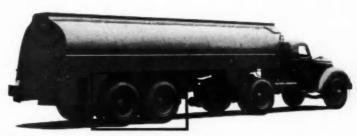
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### DETROIT DISPATCH

by LEN WESTRATE Detroit News Editor\_\_\_\_\_

#### Trucks . . . Production Up, Sales Competitive

There no longer is any doubt that 1953 is going to be one of the biggest competitive years in truck sales since the end of the war. Production is up 10 per cent from a year ago and, while sales are also up, field stocks are getting sticky already in some categories. Other companies have not yet indicated any intention to follow Dodge and International in price cuts but there is plenty of action at the dealer level and what the manufacturers will do at their end probably will be determined by just how rugged the market gets a little later on. Current prospects point to between 1.2 and 1.3 million production this year.

#### Trucking . . . Supports Uniform Safety Regs

While truck manufacturers have had aggressive differences of opinion with ICC in the past they now are rallying to its support. The industry was active in advocating reinstatement of funds for the safety section which had been cut off by House action but later reinstated by the Senate. The feeling is that the agency generally does a good job in providing uniform safety regulations which might otherwise fall into the hands of separate states, resulting in confusion for both manufacturers and operators if they had to conform to several different state codes.

#### Trailers . . . Two on a Flat Car

We hear that a large industrial concern is considering development work on a 70 ft freight car designed to carry two 35 ft truck trailers. Objective would be a mutual benefit deal for railroads and certain truck operators in hauls particularly adapted to such an arrangement, such as where trailers return empty or in bad weather areas where over-the-road operations are difficult. It is understood that a very favorable rate could be established with such a setup. It probably would involve special loading facilities or a separate terminal arrangement. It also is envisioned that the trucker would have dock-to-dock control of the shipment.

#### Tilt Cabs . . . Subject of Patent Suit

The truck industry is watching with interest outcome of the suit brought by White against Diamond T, charging infringement of patents covering tilt-cabs. Five patents are said to be involved in the litigation. Since Diamond T uses a spring-loaded, manual lift tilt device in contrast to a power lift on White cabs.

the industry is wondering whether the issue will center on White's exclusive rights to a forward tilting cab actuated by any kind of assist.

#### Sunday Truck Bans . . . May be Increasing

Apparently there is a trend toward more legislation banning use of trucks on the highways on Sundays and, in some cases, holidays. Two states, Missouri and Washington, have killed such measures but four others. California, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, have them under consideration. Wisconsin currently restricts all but essential truck use on Sundays and holidays through action of the Public Service Commission. Massachusetts regulates Sunday truck use under a law banning Sunday work.

#### Engines . . . Replace or Overhaul?

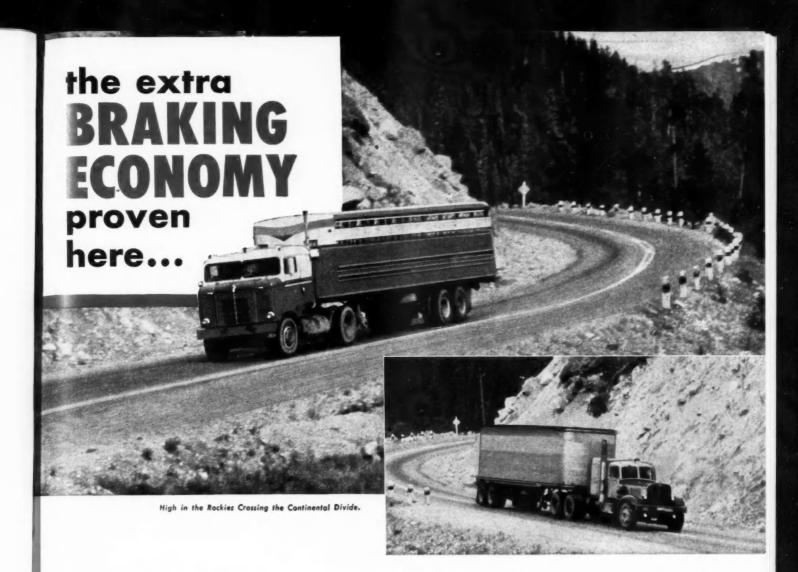
Replacement of worn engines with a new unit instead of time-consuming overhauls appears to be on the increase among truck operators. White says its truck engine replacement sales business is up 20 per cent over a year ago on complete engines, 38 per cent ahead on short blocks. The company has developed specifications for adapting its engines to all major makes of trucks. Big selling point is that quick-change techniques keep truck out of service only a few hours.

#### Mud Flaps . . . Problems Under Study

A special AMA committee is studying the problem of mud flaps on trucks. Several states have passed, or are considering, bills requiring splash guards and there is concern about some of the requirements specified. One big objection is that mounting as specified in some cases is impossible because of spring interference. Another objection is that the flaps divert the spray to the sides rather than to the back and do not really solve the problem.

#### White-Autocar . . . Merger Still Pending

At last reports negotiations still were in progress toward a merger of White and Autocar. Hurdles still to get over include approval of government agencies, such as RFC, which has a loan interest in Autocar, and an O.K. from the Justice Department. Acquisition would give White a sizeable body of Autocar owners in the large truck field which would expand service business. It is understood that Autocar would be operated pretty much as it is initially, with integration possible at a later date.



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### JUNE ROUNDUP

by ERNIE FOREST Assistant Editor \_\_\_\_

#### ATA Spring Meetings . . . Highlights

Biggest gathering of fleetmen last month was the triple-council meeting of American Trucking Assns. at Dallas, Texas. There, Ward L. Bennett, Baltimore Transfer Co., was elected chairman of the Equipment and Maintenance Council for the coming year; James O. Toler, Southern Express, Inc., to head the Terminal Operations Council; and Roy M. Wilkins, Super Service Motor Freight, to chairman the Council of Safety Supervisors.

While complete details of the meeting were not available at press time, it can be pointed out that highlights included:

An engineering outlook at the future by Frank R. Nail, assistant to chief engineer, Mack Mfg. Co., with special emphasis on the trend to light-weight compact designs, especially for highway tractors. He said we can expect 150 hp gasoline tractors weighing 8000 lb and 170 hp diesel tractors weighing 10,000 lb.

A talk before the Safety Council by ATA's G. D. Sontheimer, in which he cited a reduction in accidents involving trucks from 17 per cent in 1948 to 14 per cent in 1952, pointed out there would have been 648,000 more accidents had not the rate been reduced, blamed "highway hypnosis" on part of passenger car drivers for many truck accidents.

A panel at the Terminal Operations Council wherein emphasis was placed on the importance of good supervision and the efficiency of proper mechanized equipment.

In a familiar and punch-packed style, ATA Managing Director John W. Lawrence urged all Councils to work together sharing a mutual working exchange of ideas.

#### Motor Carriers . . . Dividing?

As if pinpointing Lawrence's admonition, though in an admitted unrelated field, three developments were noted in what appears to be a growing split between different types of motor carriers that can give "aid and comfort" to the railway's "divide and conquer" tactics. (For previous reports, see News Roundup in Feb., Mar., and April.)

Speaking in Philadelphia, Senator Bricker of Ohio said federal regulation has placed motor common carriers under a disadvantage in competing with less closely regulated competitors, recommended water and motor contract carriers be required to disclose actual rates and agricultural exemption be limited to transport from farm to primary market.

California Motor Transport Assns. issued two book-

lets comparing for-hire and private intercity truck taxes as levied in that state and concluded that, unless something were done about the heavier for-hire taxation, the number of private carriers would increase, for-hire carriers would be in danger of losing their business, the state would lose highway revenue and small shippers would have a transportation cost disadvantage.

And a Bureau of Public Roads study of highway revenues paid by contract, private and farm trucks found (1) distinctly different tax rates in effect in most states for the three classes and (2) while the private carrier's truck imposes the same highway burden as the same size contract carrier's truck, the private carrier's truck does not pay as much per mile in taxes in most states.

The BPR study also found that "only 2 per cent of our vehicles are trucks of 40,000 lb or more capacity," concluded that the bulk of needed highway revenue would have to come from passenger cars and lighter weight trucks.

#### Materials Handling . . . Interested Fleetmen

Another meeting of interest to fleet operators last month was the National Materials Handling Exposition in Philadelphia. About 25,000 visitors toured the shows 340 exhibits, covered 170,000 sq ft in doing so. A few of the many items of interest to fleetmen in their materials and freight handling problems are included in a special roundup on the show starting on page 86 in this issue.

#### Railroads . . . Still At It

Although Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn.'s damage suit against 31 eastern railroads and their public relations agency, Carl Byoir and Associates, remained in pre-trial deposition stage this past month, the effects were felt as far west as California.

Out there, ATA President Walter Carey, told Western Highway Institute members about a highway propaganda film, "Highways and Byways, USA," made with railway money but distributed as coming from the Farm Roads Foundation. In Washington, in PMTA suit depositions, a Farm Roads Foundation official admitted that the Assn. of Western Railways had borne the entire cost of distributing the film. Earlier, it had been testified that the Eastern Railroads Presidents Conference and the Southern Railroad Assn. had contributed \$60,000 each to the Western Railways Assn. for the film.

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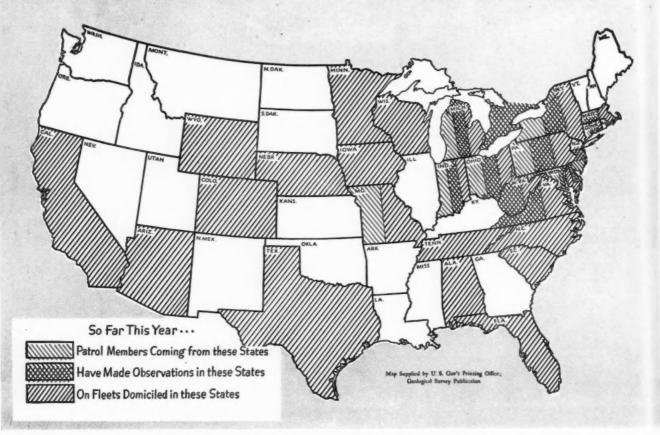
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### The Pennsylvania Plan for

### **COOPERATIVE SAFETY PATROL**



The plan is not confined to Pennsylvania. During the first three months of this year, patrol members coming

from 10 states made observation reports in 13 states and Ontario on trucks and buses domiciled in 28 states

Robert Varner, PMTA Accident Prevention Conference Charman and Coastal Tank Lines Safety Director, drives an unmarked car as do about half the members



O. D. Shipley, PMTA Safety Director, administers plan, makes reports also



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. . . is a volunteer organization coordinated by Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn. to observe trucks on the road, keep management informed



Patrol members fill out this report form in triplicate, keep one copy and mail others to PMTA, which keeps a copy and sends original to truck's owner

Paul Killingsworth, Eastern Motor Express Safety Engineer, has mobile telephone and short wave radio like many in the patrol plan's Turnpike section



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DURING the first quarter of this year there were 20 fatal accidents on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. But only one of those was caused by a truck, despite the fact that commercial vehicles accounted for 25 per cent of the traffic.

Compare this to 1952 when trucks made up 17.6 per cent of the traffic and were the cause of 15 per cent of the fatal accidents.

Such an outstanding record of accident reduction—on the Turnpike as well as on other Pennsylvania highways—is due, at least in part, to the reactivated and revitalized cooperative safety patrol sponsored and coordinated by the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn., who originally started the plan about five years ago.

As this issue went to press, word was received of another patrol activity. Starting May 25, it will make a 24 hr a day survey of Memorial Day weekend traffic within a 35 miles radius of Harrisburg. Purpose is to determine the best truck handling for summer weekends, minimize traffic problems, make more room for the motoring public. Fifty patrol members and local enforcement officials will participate using the latest scientific road check equipment including radar for speed measuring. Similar studies are planned for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, York and Lancaster.

Truck and bus operators, large and small, private and for-hire, have been quick to see the value of the program. A small, private carrier, E. R. Beers Electric Co., Bloomsburg, Pa., wrote, "We think this is a fine idea and, that if used properly by truck operators, will be of great value in increasing the highway safety program and in promoting more good will among the motoring public for our truck operators."

Akers Motor Lines, Inc., Gastonia, N. C., commented, "This kind of information is very valuable in our safety program and is very much appreciated." And Associated Transport, Inc., New York City, concluded a letter with, "We are grateful to the Association for making these reports available to us and assure you of our cooperation."

A big Turnpike user, Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines, Cleveland, Ohio, wrote, "Each report receives prompt attention with the view of correcting any unsafe driving practices that may exist."

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#### 10 METHODS FOR DETERMININGHICLE R

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Visual Inspection ("That truck is a junker")
- 2. Money Available ("We have \$50,000 to spend")
- 3. Replace every "X" miles or "Y" years
- 4. Replace when vehicle is fully depreciated
- 5. Replace when maintenance exceeds depreciation
- 6. Replace when annual cost is lowest
- 7. Replace when "worn out beyond repair"
- 8. Replace to obtain modern appearance
- 9. Replace when major repair becomes necessary
- 10. CAPITAL EARNINGS PLAN

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- 1. Simple. Requires no records
- 2. Simple. Requires no fleet cost records
- 3. Simple. Illusion of objective control
- 4. Simple Illusion of control. Conforms to accounting
- 5. Relatively simple. Based on analysis of a sort
- 6. Appears simple. Appears to minimize cost
- 7. Sounds hard-headed. Avoids analysis
- 8. Provides attractive fleet, better advertising billboards
- 9. Avoids major repair expenditures, lessens investment
- 10. Is most scientific. Relates costs to capital investments

## Capital Earnings as a Guide to VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

THE SUBJECT of when to replace motor vehicles may not be the most important problem of the fleet operator, but it is certainly one of the most controversial. Outlined in the table above are ten different methods of solving the problem. All of them are widely used. All of them, including the capital earnings plan, have definite advantages and disadvantages, as indicated briefly in the chart.

This is a discussion of the capital earnings plan which my associates and I have come to believe is the most scientific and most acceptable, particularly from the standpoint of top management. It is especially applicable to the transportation managers of private fleets who must compete for funds with the managers of other departments. Admittedly it is complex and requires considerable training and skill. But it is now in successful operation by a number of fleets.

The plan is based on the dual premise that (1) money used for new vehicle purchases is a capital expenditure rather than an expense item, and (2) that the expected operating cost

#### By JOEL DEAN\*

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of the new truck must produce sufficient savings over the expected operating cost of the old truck to justify the additional capital expenditure involved.

Our problem here is to justify both of these premises and to explain as briefly as possible the methods used in computing the expected costs, and resultant savings.

#### Capital Expenditure

SOME will argue that the initial and operating cost of motor vehicles are merely expense items on the basis that the vehicles are tools of the business and as such are expendable. This same reasoning, however, could be applied to virtually every capital asset of the company. What distinguishes a capital expenditure from operating expense is not its essentialness to the business but the length of time over

which the outlay of funds produces benefits.

From this viewpoint, motor vehicles are clearly capital expenditures. As such, the motor vehicle department must compete with other departments for the company's capital funds which are nearly always limited. If the transportation superintendent can show that funds invested for new vehicles will produce greater earnings for the company (in the form of savings) than funds invested in other departments, he will have a powerful and effective argument in his favor. Conversely if he is unable to justify

\* The accompanying article is based on a paper presented by Dr. Dean at the annual meeting of the American Gas Assn. in Chicago. It has been greatly condensed and simplified from the original version in order to present only the salient high-lights of his intriguing plan for determining economic vehicle replacements. Copies of the complete paper are available from the American Gas Assn., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., at a cost of 25 cents each. The economic advisory services of Joel Dean Associates, Yonkers, N. Y. are also available to fleet operators. The Editors.

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- 4. Not related to real cost of operation. Does not compare future costs
- 5. Ignores difference in other cost elements. Fails to consider future return on investment
- 6. No point on lifetime cost curve is significant by itself. Does not compare future costs
- 7. Truck never "worn out beyond repair." Ignores comparative costs
- 8. Underestimates effectiveness of body overhaul. Ignores productivity
- 9. Does not compare future costs. Does not compute rate of return
- 10. Requires training, research and analysis. Estimates are subject to error

Economist argues that trucks are capital expenditures rather than expense items; replacement should be based on earnings

expected savings in relation to other capital expenditures, he may do well to postpone his replacement program.

How Much Can Be Saved?

THUS the problem resolves itself into one of determining how much money can be saved by the purchase of new motor vehicles. To do this it is necessary to plot the anticipated

cost of operating present vehicles for another year and compare these figures with the anticipated average lifetime cost of comparable new vehicles.

The graphs in Figs. 1 and 2, contain the key to successful operation of the plan, but they obviously require considerable explanation.

Figure 1 shows cost curves in terms of annual cost for a hypothetical

\$2,500 truck. The curves are theoretical and are designed solely to illustrate the method. They do not portray actual cost of a specific truck.

The capital wastage curve represents the expected decline in market value of the truck each year, based on the expected decline in disposal value. Thus, if disposal value at the end of the first year is \$1,600, market price depreciation for that year is \$900. This curve declines sharply at first and then falls off more and more gradually as the truck gets older. The curve shows the market-price depreciation, based on the expected decline in disposal value during each year.

The maintenance cost curve represents the increase in annual maintenance and repair expenditures that will occur over most of the truck's life.

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Fig. 1. A method of plotting specific and combined annual costs for a hypothetical \$2500 truck. Capital wastage curve indicates decline in actual market value

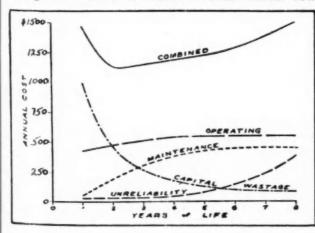
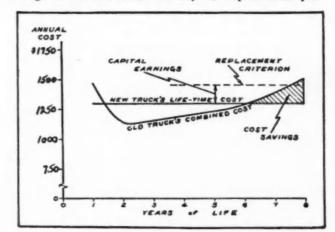
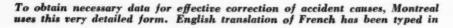


Fig. 2. Expected cost of old truck is now plotted against average life-time cost of new vehicle. Cost savings in shaded area are key to replacement plan



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Winning division in annual competition is awarded President's trophy

Howard Baker MTC Director of Safety

## **SELECTIVE** CONCENTRATION Cuts Accident Rate by 20%

Detailed analysis of hazardous intersections, accident causes and accident

WITH limited funds-and whose funds aren't limited?—there's only a certain amount any safety program can hope to accomplish. So why not admit that and go to work on the trouble spots? Such is the unadorned but practical philosophy of Howard Baker, safety director of the Montreal Transportation Commission, one of the larger transit properties on this continent.

Baker calls the program "selective concentration" and offers the following data to prove it works. In 1952, as compared with 1951, Montreal Transportation's accident rate

#### By Michael M. Gutwillia

dropped 2.16 per cent despite a 3.4 per cent increase in mileage during

But these are not the most dramatic results. When the data for the last six months of 1952 was compared to the first six months, further improvement was evident. Number of accidents dropped 2.5 per cent and the accident rate was down 5.6 per cent although there was a 3.3 per cent increase in mileage.

And the improvement is continuing. For the first three months of this years, as compared to last year, the accident rate has dropped 20.6 per cent and the number of accidents is down 18.1 per cent, despite a 3.2 per cent increase in mileage.

Zero In on Trouble Spots

RAKER'S success comes from zeroing in on his "trouble spots" from several angles. From his all-embracing accident summaries, he's able to pinpoint and isolate (1) the most hazardous intersections and locales (2) the nature of the most recurring

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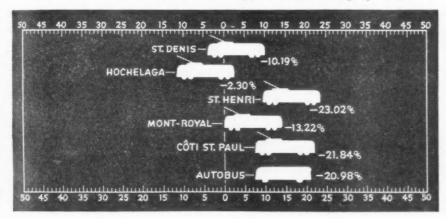
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Safety flag goes to top division each month. Losers have sign on their flag holder saying, "Why isn't the Safety Flag flying here?"

These posters mounted on divisional bulletin boards keep drivers informed on how their division compares with standing of others.



#### prone employees pays off for Montreal Transit

accidents and (3) the most accidentprone employees. Only after MTC has trained its spotlight on each of these trouble areas are remedial measures taken.

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On Howard Baker's desk sits a large loose-leaf manual containing a complete collection of accurate diagrams of the most hazardous intersections. On the first page of the book is a master list of these trouble spots, listed in descending order of accident incidence. (The list is revised each year, easily reflects measure of success from corrective treatment.)

After MTC experts have studied

these intersections, the following steps are taken: First, recommendations are made to correct the basic physical cause, something that can usually be achieved through liaison with municipal authorities. And, second, an information program is targeted at advising drivers that extra caution must be exercised at these particular points.

A copy of every accident report reaches the Safety Department for analysis. From these reports, a daily resume and monthly summary is compiled for every route operated by the Commission. And the noteworthy point, according to Baker, is that MTC was not content with the limited classification breakdown of most standard safety forms. On the MTC summary, for instance, a category such as COLLISION WITH MOTOR VEHICLE will have among its subheadings an item listed "Vehicle Being Met and Passed" which, in turn, will be treated to this finer inspection:

Head-on collision.

Vehicle cut in along left side of MTC vehicle.

Vehicle scraped by MTC vehicle going straight ahead.

Vehicle turned into path of MTC vehicle.

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Vehicle struck by overhang of turning MTC vehicle.

Vehicle scraped by MTC vehicle turning left.

Such scrupulous analysis of accidents soon provides the means for ferreting out a solution. A case in point was a recent difficulty MTC was experiencing with rear autobus automatic doors. Baker's composite lists pointed up the fact that a number of bus passengers were being caught or struck by automatic exit doors. Clothing was frequently caught in the doors and several times passengers were dragged along while the vehicles were in motion.

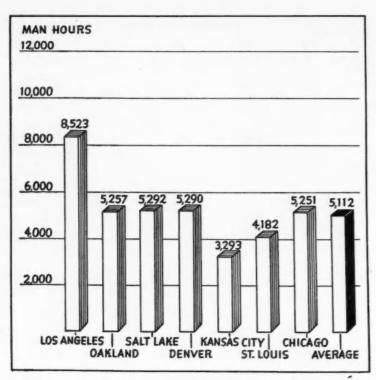
A little detective work on the study of passenger habits while alighting soon suggested a solution. A slight door modification sliced exit-door accidents to the tune of 81 per cent.

The Accident-Prone Driver

SPOTLIGHTING the accident-prone driver is the third phase of Baker's "selective concentration" approach. The Personnel Department, under Bill Kierans, keeps a special record which lists each driver's accident involvements (whether or not he is to blame). Once a driver's card indicates high accident experience (the definition of "high" is derived from Personnel Department's comparing averages of 50 drivers with the same length of experience over the identical period), Personnel forwards a warning to the driver's superintendent.

When the superintendent receives this notice he must promptly interview the driver. The super dispenses advice and encouragement, submit-

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In December, 1952, dockmen, pickup drivers, hostlers and shop employees averaged 5112 man-hours of work per occupational injury. Los Angeles was best, led the others with 8523 hours.

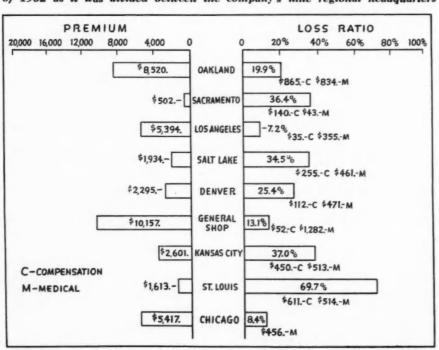


8-Ball trophy goes to spot with worst record. Here, Fleet Maintenance Director Jack Reising, right, passes it on to Service Foreman Jerry Sandlin at PIE's General Shops in Denver, Col.

This effective program started in

## PIE Sliced Workmen's

Here is PIE's record of premiums paid and loss ratio for the first six months of 1952 as it was divided between the company's nine regional headquarters



A FEW months ago a check came to my desk. It read "Payable to Pacific Intermountain Express \$61,-586.64." This is a preliminary dividend (approximately \$5000 more is due) received from our insurance carrier as a result of experience during 1951 on workmen's compensation. This is the money that occupational injuries did not cost us, and goes into our profit column. As known to most of those who are interested in this field, premium rates are established by a state rating bureau. After insurance company expenses are deducted, the balance is divided between the cost of injuries and the amount refunded. The estimated dividend for our 1952 experience is between \$85,000, and \$90,000.

If you think this came about by chance, or is merely a product of special financing, then you better not

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Continual reminder is a key point in the program. Each shop and dock has its own scoreboard like the one above



So far, 800 employees have had first aid training. It started with an instructor's course at PIE headquarters

1949 when the company's loss ratio hit 62 per cent. Here's how . . .

## Compensation Loss 47%



By K. N. Beadle, Director of Safety, Pacific Intermountain Express Co., Oakland, Cal.

spend the time to read further. I have learned that those motor carriers interested in revenue, and even those whose primary concern is a low operating ratio figure, are missing the boat by disregarding the money-saving possibilities through proper supervision of workmen's compensation

If you are in such a position, here are some questions you should ask yourself immediately:

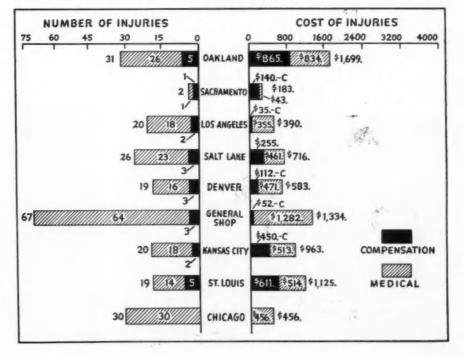
1. Do you know exactly the amount of money workmen's compensation is costing you?

2. Do you know whether your company rate is lower or higher than the average rate for the industry in your state?

3. What is the trend of your loss ratio-up or down?

4. Have you examined your work-(TURN TO PAGE 166, PLEASE)

Companion chart to the one shown at the lower left, this one indicates the number of injuries and their cost. Both are supplied by the insurance company



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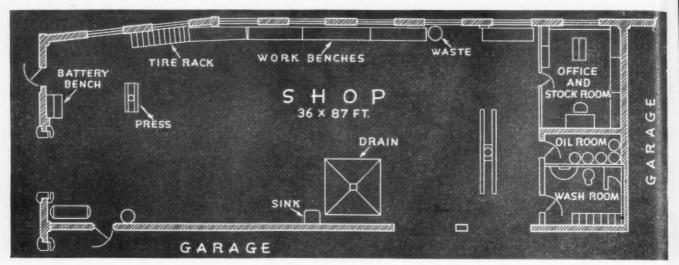
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Floor plan shows maximum use of space along walls, leaving center of floor clear. Trucks enter from yard or garage

# Utility Fleet Branch Shop Goes Modern

Neat and bright, this small shop shows recent trends in layout and equipment

AT ITS new garage in suburban Ardmore, Pa., Philadelphia Electric Co. has a new maintenance shop that's bright, warm, neat and compact. Designed as maintenance head-quarters for a fleet of 125 vehicles, it includes several features which illustrate new trends in shop design.

Attached directly to the company's division service building, the fleet has an L-shaped garage, a service shop 104 feet long by 35 feet wide, and a large yard area. A concrete apron extends from the building across its width and is equipped with sub-surface radiant heating pipes for rapid snow removal.

Each mechanic has his own mobile kit of hand tools. The complete set may be rolled to within easy reach when the man is working on a vehicle. Note neat arrangement of kit



A built-in ventilating system helps eliminate exhaust gases, keeps air in the shop reasonably fresh. Pipes connect to the vehicle exhaust, lead to a duct system in the floor



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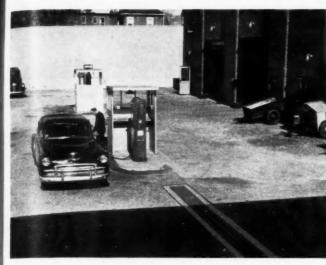
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Covered desks on pump islands protect pump man from weather. Concrete apron extends across yard from building, has radiant heating pipes for rapid snow removal



The shop lighting system eliminates efficiency-reducing glare and shadows, uses four rows of fluorescent mercury lamps. Note also the suspended air circulating units

Radiant heating is also built into the floor of the maintenance shop. It provides a comfortable working surface on which mechanics may lie while working under the vehicles.

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With a fleet composed mainly of light and medium-weight trucks and passenger cars, a minimum of heavy-duty equipment is needed. Heaviest vehicles in the fleet are 26,000 lb line construction trucks. Pits have been omitted from the shop design, but one hydraulic hoist is used.

Under Garage Foreman Marshall Way the shop handles all maintenance on the vehicles stationed at the division with the exception of major engine overhauls and rebuilding. On the day staff are two mechanics and a helper, while one mechanic, a washer and a general-duty attendant work the night shift.

#### Maximum Visibility

THE SHOP is designed for maximum visibility at all times. During the day a maximum amount of natural light is admitted through large windows which take up most of the east wall. This is supplemented with four rows of overhead fluorescent mercury lamps which are spaced to eliminate glare spots and shadows. This artificial lighting system pro-

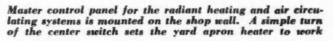
vides the night staff with practically ideal lighting conditions.

Equipment in the shop is arranged with an eye to neatness. With the exception of a hydraulic hoist near the south end of the shop and work benches extending along the east wall, most of the equipment is mobile and is kept along the side walls except when actually in use.

Hand tools for each mechanic are kept in specially designed rollaway tool boxes. These may be drawn up beside the vehicles so that all the necessary tools are within easy reach. Tools are arranged in the boxes for

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Lubrication and other under vehicle work is done using hydraulic hoists. Pits were considered unnecessary in the new shop since most units are light or medium weight





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## There's Not Much Excuse fo

By Ernest S. Forest

Assistant Editor

Following up on the prevention and control of shop fires, Jan., page 86, this story takes up the prevention of vehicle fires, shows how it can be done at little or no cost. Controlling vehicle fires poses special problems, will be discussed in a future issue. . . . The Editors.

IF YOU are up on your accident statistics, you know vehicle fires account for a relatively small percentage of total accidents. But do not forget, a fire accident usually leaves very little of the vehicle and its cargo, costs about eight times as much as a non-fire accident.

Digging a little deeper into fire accident facts shows there is not much excuse for vehicle fires; they are easier to prevent than to control.

Take a look at the burning truck on the opposite page. The percentages shown are based on 2208 fire accidents reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission during the years 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950, the latest data available. Only vehicle fires occurring in interstate commerce and resulting in \$100 or more of damage are reported to the ICC, but the total is sufficiently large to give an indication of where to look to stop these fires.

Of the total, 1404, or almost two-thirds, resulted from traffic accidents! It is an oversimplification to say that vehicle fires resulting from traffic accidents — collisions, overturns or ditchings—probably wouldn't have occurred had the traffic accident been prevented. On the other hand, if you stand to prevent two-thirds of your vehicle fires by accident prevention, it does present a strong argument for an effective driver training program.

### Analysis of Vehicle Fires Arising from Non-Traffic Accident Causes

Cause of Fire	Number	Per Cent	Cause of Fire	Number	Per Cer
I. Mechanical Defect			Hot Tires	140	17.4
Lighting System	63	7.8	Reefer Unit or Cargo Heater	20 29	2.5
Ignition System	21	2.6	Other Mechanical	29	3.6
Battery Cable	15	1.9	2. Non-Traffic Accident.		-
Other Wiring		1.7	Non-Mechanical		
Carburetor Backfire	35	4.4	Arson, Spontaneous Combus-		
Carburetor Leaking	14 35 15 69	1.9	tion, Etc	23	2.1
Fuel Pump or Line Leaking	69	8.5	Cigarettes, Matches, Etc.	29	3.6
Oil, Brake Fluid or Anti-Freeze	-09	0.0	Fire From Other Source		0.1
A autotora	15	1.9	Spreading to Vehicle	42	5.5
Muffler or Tailpipe Hot or	13	1.0	Other Non-Mechanical Causes	30	5.1
	44	5.5	3. Non-Traffic Accident, Cause	30	0.1
Leaking or Backfire	44	3.3	Unknown	140	17.4
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Hot Brakes	35	4.4	Total	DU4	100.

#### It's Easier to Prevent Them

And how about the other 804 vehicle fires, the remaining third? The chart above, also based on the ICC Vehicle Fire Accident Reports for the four years, gives a detailed breakdown of their cause. Most of them can be stopped before they start. And to kick the props out from under the idea that the vehicle fires listed as "Non-Traffic Accident, Cause Unknown" could not be prevented by getting at the cause, remember that all fires have a cause and what this classification means is that there was not enough left to tell what caused the fire. Work to prevent fires from known causes and you will also prevent fires in this "unknown" classification.

#### Fire Prevention

LET us have a look at fire prevention, see what can be done. Many effective accident prevention programs are available to fleet operators as well as good preventive maintenance programs, so, rather than repeat these in detail, comment here is confined to specific fire prevention and fire fighting tips, that should be added to existing programs.

Most of the vehicle fire accidents listed in the above chart of "Non-Traffic Accident Fire Causes" can be prevented in the shop. Let us go down the line and check off what to look for.

In the fire engineer's technical language, fires need heat, fuel and oxygen in order to burn. One of the prime sources of this igniting heat in trucks is a spark from a short circuit in the electrical and ignition system.

First spot to keep an eye on to stop short circuit sparks is the fuse panel. If there is a short, these safety valves will prevent many a fire. Where fuses 111

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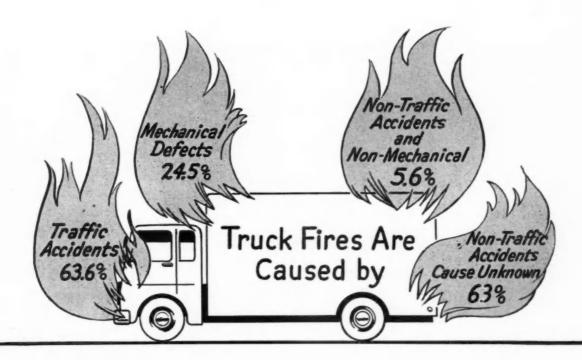
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#### Than It Is to Fight Them

have been replaced with wire or hairpins, it is asking for trouble, but this is not too usual in the average fleet. However, sometimes an extra lighting circuit is added and, rather than add an extra fuse, a higher capacity fuse is placed in the original line. Wiring and connections are engineered for a certain amount of current. Overloading the line with more circuits and a higher capacity fuse can easily mean a hot wire or hot connection that can start a fire.

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Your PM program probably includes checks for worn insulation, loose connections, poor grounds and corroded battery terminals. After these defects are corrected, make another check to see why it happened, eliminate the cause of the hazard.

Water from a cooling system leak may be the cause of corrosion. Battery terminals may be loose because of road vibration due to a loose or Digging into vehicle fire facts, here is how driver training and preventive maintenance can work to prevent them

broken battery carrier. Worn insulation may be due to a sharp corner, rubbing or oil and grease rot. Fasten wires out of the way of these dangers.

#### Control the Fuel

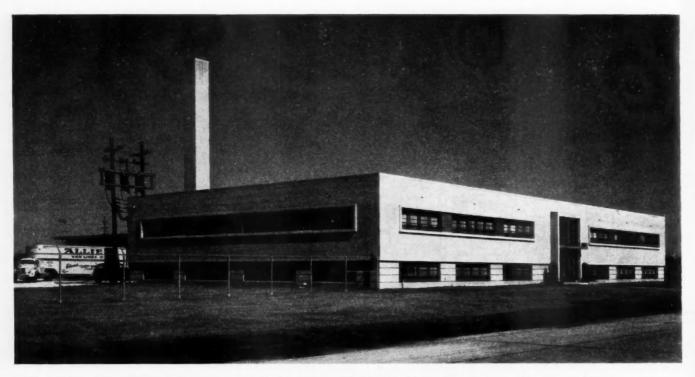
IT TAKES heat to run an engine, so it is not always practical to control the heat source in preventing the fire. So, keep the fuel away from the heat.

The engine area under the hood is a confined space. It does not take much gasoline vapor to result in an explosion and a roaring fire. Gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, grease and, in some cases, anti-freeze are all fire hazards under the hood. Oil and grease on an engine usually get there through carelessness, should be cleaned off. Radiator or other cooling system leaks, careless handling of anti-freeze are easily corrected or prevented. The fuel system requires a little more watchfulness.

If there is a fuel line leak, correct it, then find its cause. Maybe a water leak corroded the line. Perhaps vi-(TURN TO PAGE 146, PLEASE)

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### Allied Van Coordinates Scattered



Allied's new national headquarters terminal facility just outside of Chicago is one key in the plan for better operations

DURING the past three years Allied Van Lines has been conducting a three-pronged program to re-evaluate and streamline basic procedures pertinent to our nation-wide operations in the moving of household goods.

These improvements, or more accurately objectives, most of which are continually in the process of further development, include these major items:

1. Completed are modernized facilities at our national headquarters to provide maximum efficiency as the system's nerve center, routine maintenance facilities for long-distance trucks, and comfortable quarters for drivers from all parts of the country. Being planned are two new terminals, one in the New York City area and one in the Los Angeles area.

2. Greatly improved relations with

the 7000 local and long-distance drivers for some 600 Allied Van Lines agents with a view toward standardized selection and training procedures and a reduction of highway accidents.

3. A concerted effort to reduce claims and to make our claim prevention system more effective.

It is our belief that the program is all the more noteworthy when it is remembered that Allied Van Lines itself neither owns nor operates a single vehicle. Instead they are owned and operated by agents in more than 500 cities of the United States and Canada. Our job is to coordinate these independent operations into a working team that can perform safely and efficiently throughout the entire country.

Many a truck fleet operator bemoans the fact that he has a widely scattered fleet. Yet how many of them are scattered throughout more than a few states and how few of them are involved with vehicles they neither own nor control? Ours is truly the optimum of a scattered fleet operation, yet we believe we are achieving excellent results that are greatly improving our operation and at the same time offering a considerable contribution to the all-important subject of better highway safety. Here is how we have gone about our specific objectives:

#### National Headquarters

THE HEADQUARTERS office building is a two-story, modern design building, 156 ft long by 80 ft wide. This large building makes possible numerous office servicing conveniences not allowable at our old down-town Chicago headquarters. In designing the new building, special

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study was given to the smooth flow of all needed servicing operations for our nation-wide group of agents.

At the rear of the main office building is our 70 ft by 100 ft main handling dock. It has 16 outside loading doors of lift-up design, for service in van transfer, loading, and holding facilities. This ground floor holding room of 7000 sq ft is heated and kept at a minimum temperature of 50 deg. Extending back from the central rear also is a covered transfer dock, 10 ft wide by 44 ft long, for convenient across-platform exchange of cargo.

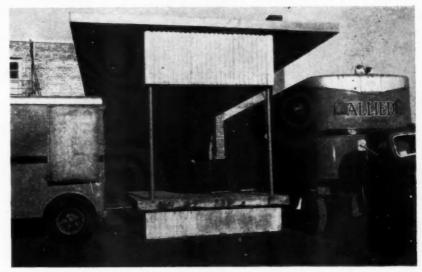
### Enter the Local Van

IT WILL be noted that our terminal facilities give special recognition to one important new operational trend of the industry in this day of large increases in national tonnage of (TURN TO PAGE 151, PLEASE)

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There are 17 of these two-bunk rooms for drivers; also showers, lockers and a large recreation room above the truck dock area



Transfer dock, separate from main platform, permits transfer of cargo directly from city pickup truck to over-the-road trailer

Main handling dock with 16 overhead doors, 7000 sq ft and a minimum temperature of 50 deg provides plenty of space for sorting





Examples of truck stops in the plan are the one above at Abilene, Texas, and the one at right in Newton, Ala.

# Gulf Service Plan Aids

Designed to effect better control over drivers, equipment, and

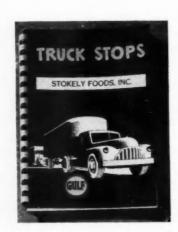


Fig. 3. Below. Driver following specified route uses card to locate truck stops.

Right. For irregular route operation, a full list of stops in the area is carried



SINCE 1946 Gulf Oil Corporation-Gulf Refining Company has been developing and perfecting service plans which satisfy the general desire of many fleet operators to effect better control over drivers, equipment, and purchases of petroleum products in their over-the-road operations. Known as the Gulf Motor Carrier Service Plan, this system incorporates features to cover wide flexibility of any operation and is tailored to meet the needs of individual operators. The Plan is designed to aid in the accomplishment of the following objectives:

1. Effect a clear-cut understanding between motor truck fleet operators and truck stop dealers about services and facilities on a good business basis.

Provide a means of close control of drivers and equipment between origin and destination points.

3. Standardize and restrict over-the-road purchases to minimum costs.

 Eliminate the handling of cash and, in many cases, the free-lance handling of credit cards by drivers.

5. Establish specific quantities of motor fuel purchases at stops to prevent over-purchase away from the home terminals, depending upon the type of trucking operation.

### Information Guide Sets Pattern

A HAULER desiring to participate in this Service Plan first obtains an Information Guide form (Fig. 1) from a representative of the oil company.

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# ds Motor Carriers

purchases in over-the-road operations

TRACTOR NO. 460

ENROUTE 50 Gals. At Truck Stop 9

RETURN 45 Gals. At Truck Stop 12

DESTINATION: Obilene

DATE: 5/11/53 A.A. Winter

Dispatcher

Fig. 2. This form, filled out by dispatcher, controls purchase of fuel away from terminal

Fig. 1. Gulf uses information from this form to adapt plan to carrier's specific operation

This questionnaire, filled in by an authorized agent of the hauler, furnishes pertinent information regarding the hauler's trade name, complete address, equipment, territory covered, points where equipment may require service, capacity of tanks and average miles per gallon for each unit and other such data necessary to proceed with work of setting up the Plan. It is emphasized that operating systems which have been pursued for any length of time need not be abolished, and that the prerogative of adopting all or part of the recommended Plan remains with the hauler.

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Upon receipt of the completed Information Guide form, the oil company furnishes the hauler with a brochure of instructions. It explains that the oil company is only an intermediary between the operator and the truck stop dealer and that success of the Plan requires careful planning along with close supervision and straightforward decisions.

Nine Forms Aid Operation

A PPENDED to the brochure is a section of Report and Recommendations. This section states that the (TURN TO PAGE 138, PLEASE)

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8. TRACE ON A MAP ALL ROUTES OF OPERATION. To) Use Gulf's Eastern and/or Western U. S. Map. (b) in "Remarks", list States and/or that Points of Operation for Irregular route carriers.

9. List Truck Stope Now in Use. (Fill in only if specifically designated and now using)
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### Multi-Stop Economics

# Choose the Right Body Type for

Delivery and service trucks properly selected can improve driver efficiency, lower costs. As load-handling frequency increases, value of a "man high" body becomes apparent in lowered driver fatigue

Here is the second of a series of articles on some of the phases of multi-stop, light weight fleet opera-tion. Devoted to a discussion of the various body types, it follows last month's article on the relative merits of aluminum and steel bodies.

Conditions under which multi-stop fleets operate vary widely, but also play an important part in determining the type of vehicle and equipment needed for greatest operating economy. In fact, it is often true that there is a wide variation in operating conditions even among vehicles in the same fleet, so that a truck that is suitable for one route may be highly expensive to operate on another. For greatest efficiency, therefore it is essential that purchase of equipment for fore, it is essential that purchase of equipment for multi-stop service should be made only after a study of the job requirements and of the various vehicles available has been completed.

CHOICE of the proper vehicle is vitally important to fleets engaged in multi-stop operation; particularly in those cases in which driving is only a secondary phase of the routeman's job. For maximum economy it is essential that vehicles be chosen (1) to make the greatest effective use of the driver's time, and (2) to spend a minimum amount of time in the shop for repairs or replacement of parts.

At present there are three basic designs in popular use for multi-stop delivery in the light duty field: (1) the pick up or express model, (2) the conventional panel delivery truck, and (3) the forward-control, "double capacity" units, available in either standard or custom models. Each is suited to a particular type of work and when properly applied and equipped with suitable component parts is highly efficient.

There are several different names for the third type of unit in the above list. We refer to the standard and custom designs offered by many manufacturers mounted on forward-control chassis with cab and body integral and featuring full standing room within the body. For convenience we will refer to these units in this article as "man high" bodies.

The pick-up or express body has

efficient for single-destination loads which do not generally require protection from the weather. The utility of this type of truck may be increased by installing canvas or metal covers for the load. However, the efficiency of this design decreases as the frequency of load handling increases, due to the relative difficulty of loading and unloading the cargo.

The conventional panel is also comparatively low in initial cost, due to the fact that it is turned out on a production line basis and uses a minimum amount of metal compared to the "man high" design. It is particularly suitable for starting new routes, for single-destination loads or for special service trips in which the main purpose is to transport the driver from call to call with a minimum cargo of goods or equipment.

### Man High Body

FOR operations which require many stops and much handling of the cargo, the "man high" body, either in standard or custom designs is usually most efficient, and worth the somewhat higher price (based on initial cost per cubic foot of loadspace, the cost is actually lower.) In some cases, special designs of the standard unit have been worked out, modifying dimensions to fit particular load requirements. Compared with the conventional panel, the "man high" design provides greater cubic capacity on the same wheel base and considerably greater ease of working the load on delivery operations.

Despite the rather obvious advantages of the "man high" design for multi-stop service, it is surprisingly true that there are many operators, particularly those with small fleets, who are still using less efficient units.

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According to data supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Assn., of 848,009 trucks under 10,000 lb rating sold in 1951, only 28,367 were of the multi-stop design. Granting that many vehicles in this weight range are farm vehicles and special purpose units, the percentage of multi-stop design vehicles still seems remarkably small.

The majority of vehicles in multistop service are engaged in either of two duties, delivery of goods for a supplier to a customer, such as in retail delivery fleets, dairy and bakery fleets, etc., or as a service vehicle to move a technician and his equipment from job to job. In both types of service the "man high" body has many advantages, and it is safe to say that there are many fleet operators who have yet to realize this.

### **Delivery Service**

BASIC aim of a delivery fleet, whether it is engaged in package delivery, bread or milk delivery or other retail delivery work is to move a maximum number of cargo units in the minimum of time at the lowest possible cost. With present high operating costs, the delivery cost per sales unit has an almost direct affect on the profit per sale. Thus it is essential that delivery costs be kept as low as possible.

Studies have shown that the driver's pay is the greatest single item in delivery costs. It is thus important to obtain the greatest possible number of deliveries for each hour worked by the driver in order to keep the labor cost per delivery as low as possible.

Choice of the most efficient route truck is an important factor in reducing delivery costs. Studies made by vehicle manufacturers have shown that the vehicle plays an important



part in determining the work which can be performed by a route man.

The "man high" design frequently means a time saving in making each delivery. Exact comparative data is not available, but for illustration, let's consider a route on which 120 stops are made in an eight-hour day. If a saving of 30 seconds is made at each stop due to greater accessibility of the load there is a total daily saving of one hour of the driver's time. At the present high rates for drivers, that's an important saving. The time gained can be used either by enlarging the route to include more stops or to permit the driver to spend more time

with present customers or in developing new ones.

Another advantage of the "man high" unit over the conventional panel is in the ease of handling the load when making pick ups or deliveries. There is less strain on a driver when he can stand in the vehicle while selecting items to be delivered, this means less fatigue and greater work capacity and has a direct effect on driver morale.

Have a theoretical example to show how man-high bodies can improve the financial picture for a route truck operator.

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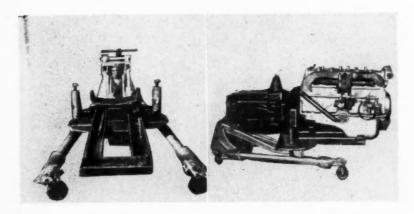
# ShopHints

Here are some swell time savers for fleet shops. Let us have your ideas for new tools or short cuts to service. We'll pay \$10 and \$25 for good ones.

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### Lift Handles COE Engines

By Andrew Camblin, Shop Superintendent, and Fred Maurer, Shop Foreman, Western Auto Transports, Inc. Denver, Colo.



This device is designed to cut removal and replacement time on engines in cab-over-engine tractors. The factory suggested method on Dodge COE tractors is to remove all front grille pieces and bring the engine out and in with a chain hoist. Using this device saves us about one-half the time of the factory method.

Construction of the unit starts with a modified front end lift with a heavy duty, hydraulic lift jack in the rear. On the lift section, add a cradle fitted to hold the engine and transmission. On this lift section, add two smaller lift jacks, one

on each side, far enough apart to contact the engine mounting supports. The large jack in the rear is used to raise and lower the engine, while the two smaller jacks are used to position the engine horizontally.

To use, the tractor rear axle is hoisted up onto metal stands to the height needed for clearance. The engine is lowered onto the lift and drawn out through the back. The picture above on the right shows the engine ready for installation including transmission. bell housing, clutch, manifolds, fuel pump, generator, starter, water pump and distributor in place.

### Jig Welded to Jack

By F. S. Thompson Charleston Transit Co. Charleston, W. Va.

Here is a heavy duty, hydraulic jack modified by welding a special, shop made jig to the jack platform for handling transmissions. The jig is

### Old Drive Shaft Easily

By Fletcher D. Fleming Associated Transport, Inc. Burlington, N. C.

This tow bar was made from an old Spicer drive shaft. Take two square plates, wider than the axle of the vehicle to be towed, and drill a 1-in. hole in each corner. Weld one of these plates to the flange end of the old drive shaft. At the slip joint

### **Daily Filter Draining**

By John Streiff, Jr. Quality Milk Service Burlington, Wis.

Daily draining of the primary filter on the 650 GMC diesel can be made easier by installing a petcock. Cut

### **Handy Tool Removes**

By J. B. Collyar Garage Foreman, City of Stillwater Stillwater, Okla.

Here is a solution to the problem of removing stubborn lug nuts from dual wheels. Take a piece of 1½-in. pipe and weld on a hex socket approximately the same length as the outer lug nut. Cut off the pipe so the length, including the hex socket, is 13½ in. On the opposite end from the hex socket, weld two bolts on opposite sides to hold two short handles.

Next, weld a lug wrench, 81/2 in. long, to a 271/2-in. long piece of

### Stand Holds Chuck for

By Frank P. Coulomb 3932 West 64th St. Inglewood, Cal.

Here is a handy stand for storing two lathe chucks that makes it easy to position the chuck over the spindle of the lathe when needed for use. A "T" is constructed of 2-in. pipe of sufficient height to be mounted in a base that is bolted or lagged to the floor.

Two trolleys are then constructed, made with a ball bearing at the top and two side pieces of strap metal which are welded to a nut at the

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made from two pieces of 3/8 by 21/2-in. flat iron. The modified lift is used to pull and install transmissions of ACF-Brill C-27 buses.



### Converts to Tow Bar

end of the shaft, weld a U-bolt. In use, place the plate on the flange end of the drive shaft against the front axle of the vehicle to be towed. Put the second plate behind the axle and bolt it to the first plate. The U-bolt fits into the towing latch.



### Facilitated by Petcock

a 4-in. hole in the skirt plate and install a 1/8-in. pipe faucet type petcock on the filter, as shown.



### **Dual Wheel Lug Nuts**

11/4-in. pipe. Machine the lug wrench socket and the first 5 in. of the 11/4-in. pipe to fit inside the 11/2-in. pipe, as illustrated. Weld two nuts on the rear of the 11/4-in. pipe to hold two handles, similar to the 11/2in. pipe. Fit the two pieces together, as shown. The lug wrench inside the 1½-in. pipe will engage and hold the inner lug nut while the hex socket will engage the outer lug nut. By twisting the handle on the 11/2-in. pipe, the outer lug can be removed.

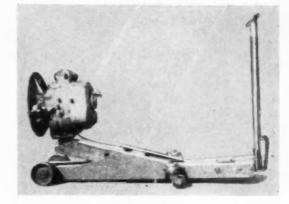


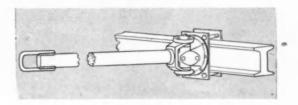
### Positioning in Lathe

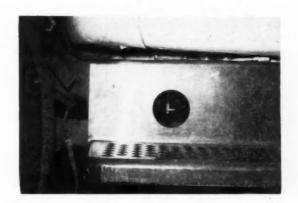
bottom. The side pieces should be of sufficient length to accommodate the adjusting bolt.

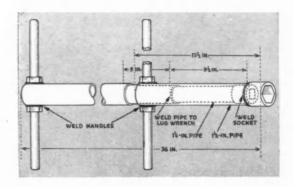
A bolt to fit the nut is run through an oversize hole in a swivel link. A handle is then made with a set screw to fit over the bolt, and the bolt threaded into the nut. When chuck is to be used, the set screw on the adjusting bolt handle is tightened and, by turning the handle, the chuck can be lowered into position.

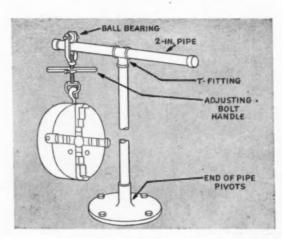












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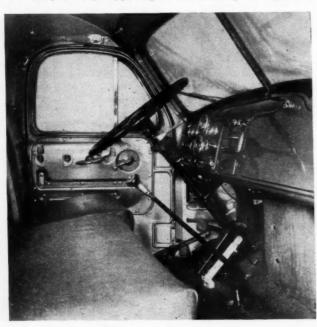


Model B42T tractor typifies compact design of new Mack models. Bumper to back of cab is within 102 in. maximum. Step tank, illustrated, is optional

# MACK'S New "B" Line

### Features Light-Weight, Compact Design

Detachable door panels and instrument cluster, adjustable seat, aircraft type lights are among cab features



MACK TRUCKS, INC., has just revealed details of its brand new "B" series line covering the popular weight range from 17,000 lb GVW to 70,000 lb GCW. Included are many basic models for both straight truck and tractor operation, most with an unusually wide variety of optional components.

Typical is the fact that there are seven engine models available including two light-weight diesels. The five gasoline engines have approximate cubic inch displacement of 291, 331, 401, 431, and 464 respectively. The last is a brand new engine developing 170 hp. The two diesel engines come in 510 cu in. and 673 cu in. sizes. Again the larger engine is a new model and details are promised for an early issue. All are Mack built.

New transmissions are designed to provide an ideal progression of ratios. Rear axles include single reduction, dual reduction, and double reduction, two-speed types. Six wheelers feature an improved, lighter-weight version of the widely-known Mack balanced bogie with inter-axle power divider.

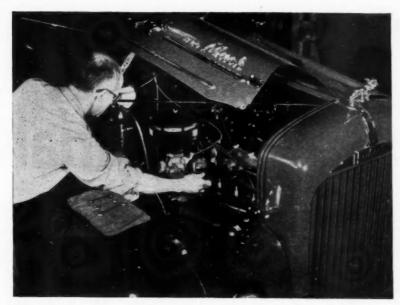
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Open top engine cavity and extra large hood give full access even to No. 6 cylinder. Side panels are also easily removeable

Five gasoline, two diesel engines power new series for highway hauling. Driver comfort and accessibility also featured

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CHIEF design features of the new B-line are reduced weight and compact design. Company officials insist that there has been no sacrifice in strength or stamina but point out that frames, for instance, have been made considerably lighter through use of high strength steel alloys. Axle banjos, transmission cases, and wheels all embody similar weight reducing construction.

The new styling is functional and efficient. The B Series has a short hood, bumper and radiator with the engine mounted well over the front axle, thus reducing the distance from front bumper to back of cab. On all but the smallest tractor models this dimension is within the recommended 102 in. minimum which permits use of maximum length trailers within 45 ft state length limits. There is also an improvement in axle weight dis-

tribution to increase payload without exceeding axle weight limits.

### Room to Work

ACCESSIBILITY has also been given considerable attention. More working space is actually available around the engine despite compact design. Instead of the conventional dash board cave which makes the rear of most engines inaccessible, B Series design utilizes an open-top bay covered only by the hood which extends the full length of the engine. With hood raised, the entire engine top is exposed.

It is even possible to rebore the No. 6 cylinder by simply removing the hood. Other quick-detachable panels completely expose the sides of the engine providing plenty of room for fast, easy maintenance right down to the lower crank case.

### **Driver Comfort**

THE B Series cab stresses driver comfort, safety and durability. Driver's seat is separate and adjustable with foam rubber top over coil springs. Air circulation is provided by wing-type window ventilators and controllable cab vents. Inside door panels are quickly removable from the door, carrying the window mechanisms with them for easy adjustment.

There are non-glare aircraft-type map lights over each door. The instrument panel is quickly detachable and a central fuse block is located next to the glove compartment and covered by its door, with fuses labeled for instant recognition and replacement.

In addition to the B Series, Mack will continue production of the larger L-Models, the H-Model cab-overengine tractors and the W-Model cabover-engine trucks and tractors.

### New COE, 6 Wheeler

M ACK has also announced a new six-wheeled, four-wheel drive, COE tractor designed to meet hauling demands of western operators.

The new model, No. W71ST, is powered by the 20 hp, 743 cu in., Cummins NHB diesel engine as standard, with the Cummins 275 hp, NHBS and the 300 hp, NHRBS optional. Front axle is 27 in. back of front bumper. From front of bumper to back of cab is 69 in. Of its 14,025 lb weight, 7300 lb are on the front axle.

Heat treated aluminum alloy has been substituted for steel in some cases to obtain a weight reduction. Mack's four-wheel balanced bogie with the company's power divider acting as inter-axle differential is standard. Three wheelbases are available, ranging from 128½ to 206½ in.

A quick-demountable hinged engine scuttle, and removable side and top panels, floor boards and seats are featured. Removable instrument panel has slack in all wiring and tubing.

Dimensions are: (1) back of cab to centerline of bogie—114, 141 and 192 in., (2) distance from bogie centerline to end of frame—50, 50 and 144 in., (3) back of cab to end of frame—164, 191 and 336 in., (4) front of bumper to end of frame—233, 260, and 405 in., depending on wheelbase.

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# Selected Items of Interest to Fleetmen at the

# **National Materials**







DURING the first few days of the Fifth National Materials Handling Exposition at Philadelphia last month, officials estimated that more than 25,000 visitors would swarm over some 300 exhibits before the show closed. It would, of course, be impossible to comment on all of these exhibits or even to be sure of mentioning all in any one particular field.

But CCJ editors did cover the show, culled over great stacks of available material, and selected the 21 items shown here as being of particular interest to the average fleet operator.

The models shown here were selected only as typical examples of

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1-Four new lift trucks were introduced by the Hyster Co., ranging in size from a 3000 lb capacity model to a heavy duty unit. Model QN-20, a 2000 lb capacity model in the new line is shown here. It was exhibited along with several other of the company's lift, straddle and turret trucks . . . 2-Show-piece of the

Anthony Co. exhibit was the Anthony Lift Gate. Attached to the rear of a truck as shown, it permits rapid loading . . . 3-Diesel, gas, electric and LP gas-powered units were shown by Clark Equipment Co. Feature of the exhibit: the new experimental "X-70" lift truck, an engineer's conception of "The Fork Truck of the Future."

### **▼** Below

4-Six series of lift trucks and several straddle carrier models were shown by the Ross Carrier Co. One of the units is shown in a typical application in the accompanying photo . . . 5-A display of dock boards, mobile loading ramps, hand trucks and platform trucks was presented by Magline, Inc. . . . 6-Kalama-





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# **Handling Show**

the equipment displayed by the various manufacturers. Most exhibitors displayed a variety of models and types of equipment, so that it would be impossible to represent the complete exhibit of each manufacturer on these pages with any degree of clarity.

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Several new models and ideas were introduced at the show, illustrating new trends in design and functional equipment.

Each of the items shown is identified by a number. Readers may obtain additional data on any of these by writing the identifying number or numbers on the post card between pages 90 and 91, on the line marked "Materials Handling."

zoo Manufacturing Co. displayed its Speed Truck, Tractor and Xpediter lines. The Xpediter is shown in use here . . . 7-Seven models of portable hydraulic floor cranes and truck-mounted cranes were demonstrated by Ruger Equipment Inc. Three new models, a one-ton and two two-ton cranes were featured . . .

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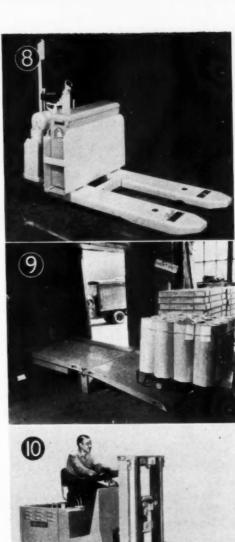
8-Demonstrations of each of its various truck models were presented by the Moto-Truc Co. Featured in the display was the Bull Dog Grip-All tractor . . . 9-Lightweight equipment, including dock boards, ramp-dockboard combinations, hand trucks and a portable yard ramp were shown by the Magnesium Co. of America . . . 10-A new "Yak" Model 430, 4000 lb-capacity sit down elect.ic powered fork lift truck was featured by the Mercury Manufacturing Co. Also in

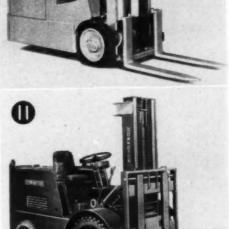
the firm's display were several models of electric and gasoline industrial tractors, electric fork lift trucks and various types of industrial trailers . . . 11-Power steering and a new torque drive were introduced in models displayed by Towmotor Corp. The steering unit is said to permit a full turn of the wheels from sharp left to sharp right in five seconds with the driver's steering effort reduced by 80%. . . 12-Several models of hydraulic platform lifts were shown by Glabe Hoist Co. Typical of the installation on a truck loading dock is the model shown here. (TURN TO NEXT PAGE, PLEASE)



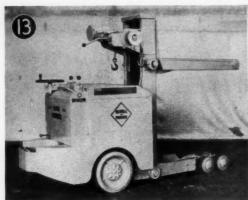


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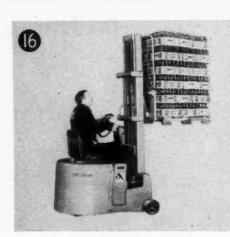


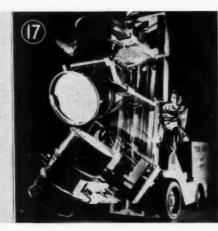




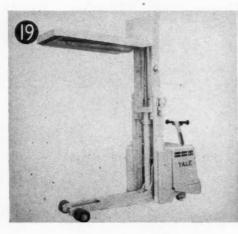


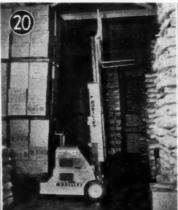














### **National Materials Handling Show**

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13-Display and demonstration of a variety of industrial trucks was provided by Elwell-Parker Electric Co. The exhibit featured the new model F-38T, a 2000 lb capacity unit . . . 14-The Crescent line of electric trucks and tractors and the complete line of hand lift

trucks and electric lift trucks and tractors were shown by the Barrett-Cravens Co. . . . 15-A complete line of new gasoline and diesel-powered fork lift trucks and industrial tractors was displayed by the Buda Co. One of the new models is shown here . . . 16-A variety of new and improved materials handling trucks for plant

and truck loading use were exhibited by Lewis-Shepard Products Inc. . . . 17-Two new fork lift trucks, each with 1500 lb capacity were introduced by the Baker-Raulang Co. as features of its line of equipment. An end-controlled, rider type model is primarily

designed for shipping dock and truck loading work. 18-Century Products Co. featured its Model 1000 and 1000-E manual and electric-powered hydraulic lift trucks . . . 19-With a travelling show to demonstrate new equipment and new adaptations of present

equipment, Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co. exhibited more than 20 fork lift and industrial trucks in gas, diesel and electric-powered models. A typical lift unit is shown here . . . 20-The Mobilift line of fork lift trucks were displayed by Mobilift Corp. One of the line is shown here . . . 21-An electrical transmission in a gasoline-

powered industrial truck was featured by Automatic Transportation Co. The infinite-step transmission has no mechanical connection from the engine to the drive unit, eliminating transmission gears and the need for hydraulic transmissions or overdrive mechanisms.

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# **PUBLICATIONS**

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### L1. Clutch Guide

Here is a brief—12 pages—but informative pocket-size guide to clutch troubles and how to cure them. It is divided into two sections.

The first section on clutch trouble shooting discusses the possible causes of the following clutch problems; dragging, grabbing, slipping, squealing, rattling and failure to transmit power.

The second section covers in step-bystep procedure the removal parts inspection and reassembly of the clutch. A complete section is devoted to misalignment and how to prevent it.

The last two pages of the book contain illustrations of the more common clutch cover assemblies including Rockford type TT and type 11, Auburn, Borg and Beck type 10A7 and type 9A6, Long type 9AB and type 10CF, Lipe, Buick and Chevrolet.

By circling L1 on the postcard on the next page, you can obtain a copy of this clutch trouble shooting guide.

### L2. Two-Speed Axle Data

Here are two letter size bulletins on maintenance and operation of Eaton 2-speed axles with electric shift controls and Eaton electric shift for Timken 2-speed axles. Well illustrated, the booklets show correct disassembly procedure, parts inspection, correct reassembly and adjustment. Lubricating specifications and filling and draining instructions for the axle are included. Operating instructions for both the axle and the electric shift are given in detail. You can get copies of these two bulletins by circling L2 on the postcard.

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### L3. Freight Handling Data

This 20-page, 8½ by 11-in. booklet contains reprints of six articles on the use of aluminum in materials handling. The articles contain many ideas and

suggestions for streamlining freight and products handling that could well be adopted by for-hire and private carriers, both intercity and local. Subjects covered include pallets, containers, hoppers, conveyors, bins, cabinets, rollers, hand trucks, shipping containers, freight trucks, racks and hoists.

First article is from Food Engineering, Feb., 1952, listing and describing the uses of aluminum in food transportation and handling. Several examples are given of the time and weight saved.

Next is a reprint from the Oct. 11, 1952, issue of *Traffic World*. It is devoted entirely to materials handling in the transportation and shipping of various types of freight. Cited are examples of time saved using the equipment described.

A well-illustrated roundup of aluminum and magnesium materials handling equipment follows, reprinted from *Modern Materials Handling*, Jan., 1953. Private carriers will be interested in the illustrations of unit handling of products.

Other articles reproduced are from Textile Age, Sept., 1952, Aluminum Bulletin, Spring, 1952, and Ceramic Industry, Mar., 1952, and should supply fleetmen with many ideas on lowering their freight handling labor cost. You can obtain a copy by circling L3 on the postcard.

### L4. Brake Guide

This 28-page, pocket-size brake servicing guide opens with a section on drum scoring and a section on good brake shop practice. Following these two general discussions, the book is divided into descriptions of various specific brakes, a section on the causes of brake troubles with a special list of air and vacuum brake troubles, and concludes with a 30 point check list on a complete brake job.

Types of brakes described include:

Bendix two-shoe, double-anchor mechanical; Bendix two-shoe, single-anchor, mechanical; Bendix single-piston, hydraulic; Bendix double-piston, hydraulic; Bendix non-servo, double-anchor, hydraulic; Lockheed internal, two-shoe: Lockheed two-cylinder, hydraulic; Lockheed hydraulic, single-anchor; Wagner Lockheed self-centering, self-adjusting; Wagner hi-tork; Wagner hi-tork, type F and type FR; Huck hydraulic; General Motors Huck mechanical; Ford mechanical; and Lockheed Ford. Operation, adjustment and relining procedure are included.

The trouble shooting section includes parts on low brake pedals, spongy brake pedals, brake noises, erratic brakes, non-holding brakes, dragging brakes and brake grab.

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### L5. Oil Filter Chart

This oil filter chart provides a cross-reference list of the various makers model numbers of interchangeable oil filter elements. Included on the chart are specifications for Dodge, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC and Studebaker trucks. Circle L5 on the postcard for your copy.

### L6. Ford Valve Manual

This 50-page, 5 by 7-in. book is the seventh edition of a manual on servicing valves in all Ford-built engines from 1928 to 1953 inclusive. It includes the Model No. A and B, 4 cyl engines as well as the latest V-8, valve-in-head engines. With 84 illustrations and 18 chapters, the booklet describes in step by step detail all phases of valve repair, servicing and operation. Included in a tool chart showing the correct tool combinations for the various jobs. To obtain your copy, Circle L6 on the postcard.

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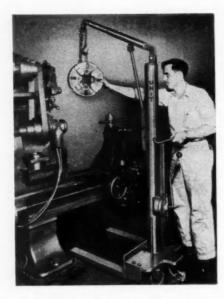


### P1. Circuit Breaker

E. Edelmann and Co., Chicago, has announced a new, Model No. 125, "Lite-d-tector and Automatic Reset Circuit Breaker." Installed in the low amperage circuit of a truck, trailer or bus, the unit automatically signals short circuits and light failures to the driver and provides independent floodlight protection in emergencies. It eliminates use of fuses, can be mounted on the dash and can be adjusted for any power load. Red flashing indicates everything OK. A steady red light indicates a 6 amp, minor short. A steady amber light indicates that two or more clearance lights are out. When this happens a 7-in. red floodlight automatically goes on to protect the vehicle. Serious trouble, such as a 30 amp short, is indicated by alternating red and amber flashing and the red floodlight also is automatically turned on, flashing with 4-sec beams at 1-sec intervals.

### P2. Caravan Top

A Caravan Top that converts any stake body type truck to a "panel" cargo carrier, and gives all-weather protection has been developed by the C. K. Turk Corp., South Bend, Ind. Slide fasteners on either side of the back curtain permit quick loading and unloading. Floor-to-ceiling clearance is provided by aluminum bows that are quickly and easily assembled by use of metal slip holders installed on top of the stake slats of the truck. Five longitudinal slats built into the top of the Caravan Top provide the necessary supporting strength. They are fabricated from No. 10 water and mildew resistant duck.



### P3. Three Way Lift

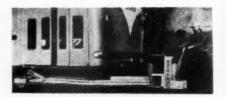
The "3 in 1" shop truck just announced by Unit Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn., is a new, hydraulically-operated unit that handles lifting jobs within its capacity whether they require a boom, forks or platform. The boom makes possible lifting to 8 ft. The switch of one pin is all that is needed to put the forks into operation. They need only 31/4-in. clearance and will lift a pallet to 55 in. To lift non-palletized loads, a platform is locked over the forks. 750-lb loads are eased up by one hand operation of a 5000 lb hydraulic system. The base is only 221/2 x 33 in. It has a foot operated lock brake.

### P4. Flywheel Rotator



A flywheel rotating tool, Model No. TL-163, to replace the much used but awkward screwdriver

method of positioning the flywheel has been introduced by Accurate Parts Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The tool, of welded steel construction, provides adequate leverage so that flywheels may be quickly and easily rotated.



### P5. Vehicle Mover

New vehicle mover, just announced by The Moto-Truc Co., Cleveland, Ohio, is a powerized heavy duty floor jack. With a few simple operations a truck or bus weighing up to 25,000 lb is ready to be moved around the shop. Frame is heavy steel plate, welded and assembled together to form the chassis. Chassis length is determined by and made to accommodate your particular vehicles. It is powered by a heavy duty, 18-volt battery. Two speeds for both backward and forward movement are provided.

### P6. Nylon Tarpaulins

Vinyl coated nylon tarpaulins have been recently introduced by The Springfield Tent and Awning Co., Springfield, Ohio said to provide greater strength and durability with a minimum of care and weigh less than half that of ordinary cotton duck tarpaulins, the new tarpaulins incorporate a nylon fiber base with a vinyl coating to insure complete waterproof protection. With temperature tests ranging from 180 to minus 57 deg F., they were found to resist heat, cold and mildew. as well as gasoline, oil, chemicals and abrasion with no appreciable loss of tensile strength. They are available in both 5 and 9 oz weights.

### P7. Pressure Purger

A new portable pressure purger, Model No. P-195, is being marketed by Choldun Mfg. Corp., New Haven, Conn. It power flushes the entire cooling system without removing the radiator, and locates faulty radiators, thermostats, fan belts, hoses, clamps and gaskets.

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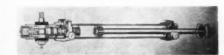
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### P8. Power Steering Unit

Monroe Equipment Co.,- Monroe, Mich., has introduced a new power steering unit that can be installed on used cars, trucks and tractors. Although the cost of installation on used vehicles-about \$225-will be higher than installation as original equipment, the unit itself is still relatively inexpensive, about half the cost of other power steering units according to the manufacturer. The unit is operated by a standard type hydraulic pump mounted on the engine which pumps the oil under pressure to the valve and cylinder which is contained in a single tube. The compact unitonly 35 parts—reduces the number of hoses and fittings required and can easily be attached by any experienced mechanic. The hydraulic cylinder and valve assembly replaces the drag link in the conventional steering system. It responds when pressure of 3 lb or more is applied to the steering wheel. This is translated into hydraulic pressure of up to 750 lb.

### P9. Load Binders

Load Binders made by Canton Mfg. Co., Canton, Ohio, are available with the owner's name on the handle in raised letters.

### P10. Roll Handler

A roll handling attachment for the "Walkie" type electric truck in the Powrworker line has been announced by Clark Equipment Co., Battle Creek, Mich. The attachment picks up rolls of newsprint, fibre board, fabric or any product in rolls, from either vertical or horizontal positions, in and out of storage to a height of 130 in. Hydraulic clamps handle rolls varying in diameter from 24 to 42 in. and weighing up to 2000 lb.



### P11. Hand Truck

A new magnesium hand truck, with a fully retractible third wheel, has been announced by Magline, Inc., Pinconning, Mich. According to the manufacturer, this feature makes carting and wheeling of the heaviest loads considerably easier. When the wheel is extended, the truck can be operated in a three-point position, preventing any load from bearing on the operator. For conventional use, the third wheel retracts snugly against the frame. The new model is of all-magnesium construction. The nose unit extends beyond the wheels on either side, preventing flexible loads from binding against the wheels. All parts are mechanically joined and all parts are replaceable when worn.

### P12. Spray Gun



Delivering over 90 lb of pressure at 7200 strokes per min, a new spray gun announced by Waldorf Sales Co., Yonkers, N. Y.,

needs no compressor, plugs into any AC electric outlet. The lightweight, Underwriter Laboratories approved unit has a trigger action and is of all metal construction.



### P13. Drill Adapter

The new Dril-O-Driver, product of the Drilo Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa., converts electric drills into impact screwdrivers that will handle 54, ¼-in. drive, standard tool accessories now on the market. The unit's cone drive construction permits the operator to control the force and speed from 0 to full speed of the electric drill. It comes assembled ready for use and fits into the drill chuck.

### P14. Engine Heater

Being introduced in this country by Devenco, Inc., New York City, a new engine heater utilizes the pulse-jet principle which powered the German V-1 buzz bomb. The unit, trade named, "Swingheater," when used with a heat exchanger will also warm truck and bus interiors. The pulse-jet principle relies on a pressure wave. In the heater, the sudden wave-generating impact is created by the first explosions resulting from glow-plug ignition of a fuel-air mixture in a combustion chamber. The glow-plug is activated by connecting the system momentarily with a storage battery. When the decrease phase of the wave occurs, there is a partial vacuum which sucks in air (via a one-way valve) and gasoline (through a carburetor) into the combustion chamber. This is immediately followed by the increase phase, which subjects the fuel-air mixture to pressure, thereby sharply increasing its temperature. This temperature rise, plus the residual heat from the previous explosions, is enough to re-ignite the mixture. This suck-explode cycle occurs 80 times a second.

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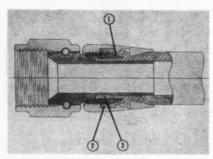
### **New Product Descriptions**

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the battery has been disconnected. The system has only one moving part—an easily replaceable plastic flutter-valve in the air intake. Also, lubrication is not required. The engine pre-heater is connected to a motor's cooling system by intake and outlet pipes. As the coolant is heated, it moves from the device through the engine and back again, with this circuit being repeated many times. In tests, the device has raised engine temperature from minus 70 deg F. to operating level in relatively brief time. Its heat output is 20,000 Btu an hour from 1.5 pints of gasoline.

### P15. Hose Fitting

Aeroquip Corp., Jackson, Mich., has announced a new type hose fitting. The reinforcing braid (2) of the hose alone is clamped, while the fluid-tight



seal is accomplished by (1) separating the inner tube from the braid and using it as a "lip" seal (3) in an annular chamber. It is assembled without prior preparation of the hose-end. The main advantage of the fitting lies in the reduction of compression of the rubber or rubber-like inner tube.

### P16. Metal Cleaner

Two new products, Lumin Cleaner and Lumin Wash, are said to reduce by approximately 66 per cent the cost of cleaning aluminum, stainless steel and chrome surfaces, have recently been developed by Lumin Sales Corp., New York City. In addition to cleaning, they are designed to protect these metals from discoloration, oxidation, corrosion and pitting by providing an invisible coating against elements in the atmosphere that cause such deterioration.

If oxidation, discoloration or corrosion has already occurred, the cleaner is used first to remove them. This is done by rubbing it on the metal surface, then washing it off with the wash. This wash leaves an invisible protective coating on the metal surface.

### P17. Air Regulator



An air regulator, capable of handling a large volume of compressed air with a minimum of pressure drop, is being marketed by

DeVilbiss Company, Toledo, Ohio. Designated as Model No. HAA, it has a capacity of 80 cfm at 100 lb line pressure. More sensitive control and reduced pressure losses are claimed through using air pressure against the regulating diaphragm instead of the conventional spring-loaded diaphragm, making adjustment of the control knob easier when regulating air pressure. Air flow increases as demand increases without affecting the pressure which has been set. Maximum pressure which can be regulated is 135 psi and maximum line pressure is set at 300 psi. The new unit is about 3 in. wide and 41/2 high.

### P18. Step Plate

A new high-visibility step plate with white safety step nosing integrally molded to black rubber step tread is announced by Samuel Moore and Co., Mantua, Ohio. It is composed of a 5/16-in. thickness of white rubber on the step edge and the same thickness of black synthetic Rub-Bub compound on the tread. Both nose and tread are molded in one piece, and bonded to a rigid punched metal backing.

### P19. Rust Preventer

"Formula No. 50," a new method of surface protection of iron and steel has been developed by Constad Laboratories, New York City. It is said to offer the advantages of hot dip galvanizing. Applied easily with a paint brush or spray-gun (60-90 lb psi with a number 4 nozzle), it takes an hour to dry. One gallon will cover 500 square feet. It can be used over rusted surfaces when loose scale is removed.

### P20. "Hot" Body

A special 5.3 yd corrugated steel dump body for hauling "hot materials" is announced by the Galion Allsteel Body Co., Galion, Ohio. Weighing 2730 lb, it was designed primarily for hauling hot slag but is suitable for other uses such as transporting heated aggregates for roof coating and flooring, "hot mix" road materials, hot castings, etc., and also recommended for jobs involving heavy shovel loading of extremely abrasive materials. Hoist cylinder, pump, and control valve are pro-



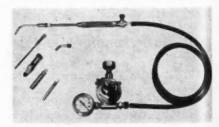
tected from the heat by an asbestos lined steel cover, designed and mounted to move freely with the action of the hoist cylinder. Body sides and floor have full length corrugations. Sides are constructed of 8 gage steel and the floor is ½ in. steel plate. Sides fold into the body floor at 45 deg to prevent material from lodging in corners. Overall body length is 114 in. including a 30 in. scow with a 15-deg angle. Inside body width is 82 in. with 31 in. sides and head.

### P21. Lift Hoist

A new model "Zip-Lift" electric hoist with rope control is announced by Harnischfeger Corp., Milwaukee, Wis. It is a standard "Zip-Lift" designed to be operated with a new one-hand rope control. It is designed with a weight-overload safety factor of five times rated capacity. Wire rope hoisting is used. Other features included are double brakes, oil bath lubrication, fully-enclosed construction, and grease-packed motor bearings. It comes in two models with lifting capacities of 500 and 1000 lb. Hoisting rates are 25 and 13 ft per min.

### P22. Acetylene Torch

A new acetylene torch outfit recently placed on the market by Torit Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn., uses only acetylene gas, from a Presto B tank, yet de-



velops a temperature of 2800 deg F. Only a few pounds pressure is required for operation. The torch can be turned off and on by a built-in valve on the torch handle.

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Then throw the switch "on" and put "Tonner" to work. Unless we miss our guess, you'll be convinced on the spot when you see how quicker-acting, surer-stopping the brakes become.

# Ten States Schedule Roadeos

Others are pending, will be announced later. 1953's National Truck Roadeo, separated from the ATA Annual Convention, will be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul, September 15-19

THE 1953 ATA National Truck Roadeo is scheduled for the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in the twin cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul September 15-19. Unlike previous years, the Roadeo will not be held in conjunction with the annual ATA convention this year.

Discussing separation of the two events, John V. Lawrence, ATA managing director, said: "The ATA National Truck Roadeo has outgrown our original conception to the extent that it is no longer feasible to hold it at the same time and place as our convention. The favorable impact of the Roadeo on the industry's safety work requires that we let it continue to grow and expand to its true stature."

The 1953 Roadeo schedule calls for registration of State champions on Tuesday, September 15, with written examinations and appearance tests on Wednesday, semi-final driving competition Thursday and Friday, and the finals on Saturday, September 19.

### Rule Changes

THE BASIC plan for conducting a state or local roadeo and the national contest have not been altered but new techniques include introduction in the field test judging whereby the judges will indicate with arm and hand signals the points earned or lost by the contestant as he negotiates the course.

Among other changes is a new mental hurdle created by a rule that the contestant in the straight truck class must complete the field course in eight minutes. If he runs over that time he is disqualified. Similarly, a 10-minute maximum is set for running the course in all other vehicle classes of competition. The course times were the same prior to the rule revision, but formerly a contestant completing with-

### 1953 State Truck Roadeos

State <sup>1</sup>	When	Where	Classes	Estimated Contestants
Connecticut	June 27	Middlebury	S, SA, TA	100
Illinois	July 30-Aug. 1	Peoria	S, SA, TA	
Maryland	Aug. 7-8	Baltimore	S, SA, TA	
Michigan	Aug. 5-8	Lansing		*****
New Hampshire	Not set	Not set	S. SA	30
North Carolina	June 5-6	Asheville	S, SA, TA	100
Pennsylvania	Aug. 19-22	Hershey	S, SA, TA	75/100
Virginia	Not set	Not set		
Washington	Aug. 28-29	Yakima	S, SA, TA, TF	70
Wisconsin	Aug. 22-23	Mauston	S, SA, TA	35/50

<sup>1</sup> As further states schedules are set, they will be reported in the monthly news roundup. A local roadeo will be held in Fort Wayne, Ind., on June 7.

in a specified shorter period received point credits, and, conversely, if he took longer he received demerits from his score.

To compensate for removal of the possible time credit score, the revised rules have standardized allowable credits at 50 points for each problem. All demerits have been standardized at 5 points each.

The revised rules provide that ATA will supply upon request to each affiliated state truck association field test problems from which the state association may select six for its course if that many are included in the contest.

The revised rules provide that the actual test course of the National Truck Roadeo be kept secret until the actual running of the roadeo. State associations are urged to follow this idea and keep their own test patterns separate until the running of their own roadeos.

Rules to be used in truck roadeos are as follows:

Contestants in each class of competition are alloted a maximum time to complete the driving skill tests. The maximum time to negotiate the course for each class of competition will be announced to all contestants before the running of each class of competition. A maximum running time of eight (8) minutes for the straight truck class and ten (10) minutes for all other classes is recommended. When the determined allotted time elapses before the contestant finishes the skill tests the contestant will be disqualified.

No point score will be allotted to the contestant in so far as the time of running the field tests is concerned. A maximum time to negotiate the course will be established in each class of competition and the contestant failing to complete the course in that time shall be automatically disqualified from the contest. To win, the aspiring champion must be a smooth, safe and accurate driver.

Problem values are assigned as follows:

Field Tests, (300 points); Equipment Defects Problem, 10; Driving Problems—Offset Alley, 50; Serpen-(TURN TO PAGE 130, PLEASE)

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# Nickle Plate Letters Stay Put

By Sam Hayes, Maintenance Superintendent Nickle Plate Lines, Portland, Oregon

Scotchlite reflective materials cut from templates save time and money for this fleet. Signs are as neat and attractive as decals



Suitable letters or numbers can be produced by an un-skilled man tracing around templates with a sharp edge.

Lettering is easily applied by activating the adhesive backing and smoothing on the vehicle with a rubber roller.



AT THE paint shop of Nickle Plate (a dry freight line) of Portland, Oregon, we here had considerable trouble with peeling on decals used for signs and

For the past year we have been using Scotchlite in 5 inch width rolls. Templates, both numbers and letters, are cut from light sheet metal and filed alphabetically and numerically in a partitioned cabinet.

In preparing the numbers, the template is placed on the reflective material and a line drawn around it with a sharp pencil. The letter or number is then cut out with scissors or a razor blade.

The background of the sign for the truck or trailer is masked and then sprayed with the desired color. When the background is dry the letters or numbers are applied.

In order to apply these letters properly, the backs of them are first activated to make them adhesive. After the letters or numbers have been placed on the sign, they are rolled with a rubber roller. We have now been using this material for more than a year and we have had not one single case of peeling.

The following are the advantages for this new sign technique.

1. The work does not require an experienced painter.

2. It can be done in a limited paint shop or any spare floor area with a minimum of equipment. 3. The Scotchlite signs are as neat and attractive

as decals and more attractive than most painted signs. 4. The numbers and letters will go over rivets and corrugation or any uneven surface, and there is no

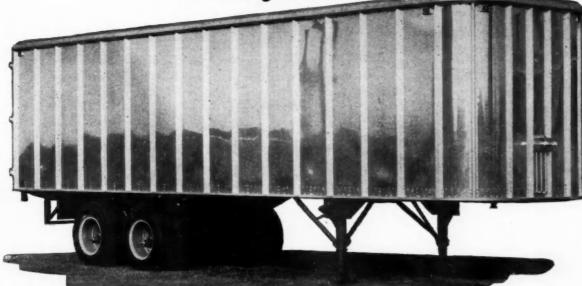
tendency to peel or wrinkle.

5. While there is a slight gain in cost over the painted sign, the big gain is in convenience and the fact that the truck or trailer does not have to be taken out for specialty painting.

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# You Can't Beat This Trailer

ALL ALUMINUM
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Check these features and you'll know why . . . .

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LIGHT WEIGHT
ALUMINUM CONSTRUCTION

HEAVY DUTY
DOCK BUMPER

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3 POINT TANDEM SUSPENSION



MAXIMUM
CUBIC CAPACITY



DEPENDABLE PERFORMANCE
MINIMUM MAINTENANCE

for years of trouble - free operation standardize on . . .

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KINGHAM TRAILER COMPANY, INC., LOUISVILLE 10, KY.

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# 1953 New Truck Registrations by Makes by States\*

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### KEY TO DEFINITIONS.

### MAKE AND MODEL

Only Domestic Truck Models are listed.

### OPTIONAL UNITS

For the express purpose of best fitting the truck to the individual job most of the models listed can be provided with optional engines, transmissions, axies, etc., and these models when so equipped are considered standard stock models.

### CHASSIS LIST PRICE

The chassis list price applies to the minimum standard wheelbase with standard tires and standard equipment. All prices are F 0.B. factory. Chassie list price does not include the price of the Cab unless otherwise noted.

### PECOMMENDED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT FOR NORMAL SERVICE

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### CHASSIS WEIGHT

The chassis weight listed includes the weight of the minimum standard wheelbase chassis, with cow, with standard tires, with standard equipment, with crankcase and cooling system full, and 5 gallons of fuel in the tank. It does not include the

weight of the Cab. This applies to C.O.E. as well as conventional chassis types. Exceptions are noted.

### STANDARD TIRE SIZE

he standard tire size listed is that which included in the Chassis List Price.

### MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED

TIRE SIZE

The tire size listed in this column is the maximum size recommended by the manufacturer of the chasels for the Gross Vehicle Weight for Normal Operating Conditions. It is furnished at extra cost, if it differs from the standard size. Dual rears are understood; exceptions noted.

### MINIMUM STANDARD WHEELBASE

The minimum standard wheelbase is the so-called standard wheelbase on which the Chassis List Price is based.

### MAXIMUM STANDARD WHEELBASE

The maximum standard wheelbase is the extreme end of the standard range of wheelbases offered by the chase's maker.

### \* MAXIMUM BRAKE HP.

Maximum Brake Horsepower at Given R.P.M. is actual dynamometer reading without accessories.

### GEAR RATIO RANGE

Gear Ratio Range in High—Ratios within the range given are available at no extra cost. Except ons are noted.

### TRACTORS

Unless given the designation (N)— meaning not available as a tractor—all standard models may be assumed to be available as tractors. Exclusively Tractor models are designated (T).

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

V—Vacuum. D or Dp—Duai Primary.

### MAKES-ALL

B—Bendix.
BL—Brown-Lipe.
Bu or Bud—Buda.
BW—Bendix-Westinghouse.

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L.W.—Lockheed front, Wisconsin rear, M.—Midland.
N.P.—New Process,
O or Ow.—Own.
Op or Opt.—Optional.
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T or Tim — Timken-Detroit
Axle Co.

1 v — Timken-Detroit—
Westinghouse.
TW—Timken-Detroit—
Wisconsin.
Var—Variable.
WG—Warner Gear.
Wau—Waukesha.
Wor Wis—Wisconsin.
Wg—Wagner "hi-Tork."
Ws—Westinghouse.
WW—Westinghouse or Wagner

### WHEELS DRIVEN

2F—Forward unit of Rear Axle Group. 2R—Rear Unit of Rear Axle

Group.

4R—Forward and rear units of Rear Axle Group.

6—All wheels.

### BRAKES-SERVICE

4—Four Wheels, front and rear. 4r—Four Wheels, rear only.

Type I—Internal. X—External.

Operation

A—Air. H—Hydraulic.

BRAKES-HAND

Location
C—Center of double propeller shaft.

shaft.
2-Rear wheels.
4-Four wheels.
6-Six wheels.
6-Six wheels.
J-Jackshaft.
T-Transmission.
F-Driveshaft.

### Type

D—Tru-Stop disk.
I—Internal.
M—Mechanical.
X—External.
PD—Two drums on rear of power divider.
F—Mechanical, foot operated

Material

-Cast alloy iron.
-American Car Foundry.
-Cast iron.
c-Composite Front, Cast Iron in rear.

Ce—Centrifuse.
CI—Copper Irol
Co—Composite.
D—Dayton.
E—Ermalite.
G—Gunite.
N—Nickel Iron.
S—Steel.
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### Type

•• Other Cummins 6 cylinder engines optional Includes cab and dual tires on front, center and rear

♦—Model 331-OA and 331-OA LPG engines can be fur-

LPG engines can be furnished.

Two speed axle available.
Double reduction and 2 speed available.
Buda 6DT8-468 diesel engine available.
Model 255-OA-LPG engine can be furnished.
Front only: rear, 10.00/20.

\*\*TERLING\*\*

Thear only: Front 11.00.24.\*

Rear only: Front 11.00.22.\*

Own EJ three speed auxiliary transmission furnished.\*

Timken T70 two speed torque divider furnished.\*

Parking brake at rear of auxiliary transmission.\*

Rear only: Front 12.00.24.\*

Rear only: Front 14.00.24.\*

Rear only: Front 16.00.24.\*

Town model FJ three speed auxiliary transmission furnished.\*

Timken T76 two speed transfer case furnished.\*

\*\*Timken T76 two speed transfer case furnished.\*

STEPLING

axles.

Dependent upon engine.

Z- Reinforced (X) member frame, box type sections.

### REAR AXLE

Final Drive and Tyre

B--Bevel.

CB--Chain Drive.

F. Full-floating.

H or Hy--Hyphold.

d--Dual range axle.

2--Oouble Reduction.

S--Spiral bevel

W---Worm.

4--Three Quarters Floating.

1/5--Semi-Floating.

T--Torque Tube.

### (50) Only one ratio.

Drive and Torque

H—Hotchkiss (springs).
R—Radius Rods.
L—Parallel Torque Rods.
T—Torque Arm.

### GOVERNOR STANDARD

### KEY TO REFERENCES.

### c.f. -Cab Forward design.

c.o.e.—Cab-Over-Engine design.

(D) —Diesel-engine equipped.

(T) —Designed for tractor use only.

(C) -Ford or Chevrolet Models. (R)-Remanufactured Fords Denotes "Includes Cab" when used with weights or prices.

- All six engines listed are available on all five models of trucks.

- Steel frame only. Also available with Aluminum frame 10x3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}\)x\_2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)x\_2

CHEVROLET V-Includes spare tire, full fuel tank and cooling system.

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-Own Loadmaster wheels.

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2.7478: Rear, 2.7788. Total Length 5 ½.

\$ -4 speed transmission available.

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-5.43 available.

"-Two speed axle available.

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CORBITT

—Available with optional tires and axies for less G.V.W. rating.
 —Also available with Cummins HRBB600 and NHB-600.

### DODGE

- Front only: Rear 7.00/168.
- Front only: Rear 8.25/168.
- Front only: Rear 7.50/20.
- Front only: Rear 7.00/20.
- Front only: Rear 10.00/20.
- Rear of transfer case.
- Truck - O - Matte transmission available.
- Two speed rear axle available.

\$-Torque Divider, Timken T70-2 speed.

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FWD

-Front only: rear. 8.25/18S.

### ·-Four wheel steering. KENWORTH

♦♦—Timken T13129 PA Tra; ing Axle. †—14.00/24, front; 16.00/24,

### OSHKOSH

← Include cab.

—1091 cu. in.

••—Hydraulic coupling.

††—Buda 6DC844 optional.

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(Where a combination of any of the above is used, the first reference mark applies to the front and the second to the rear drums.)

### FRAME

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C—Channei.
T—Channel tapered front and rear.
L—Channel reinforced with both liner and fishplate.
P—Channel reinforced with plate.
TL—Channel tapered front and rear reinforced with liner.
D—Drop Center.
TI—Tapered front.
A—Straight section sidemembers, lined with oak inserts.

\*—Parking brake at rear of transfer case.

\*—Tapered. 9 x 7 x 3 ½ x ½.

Also available with Cummins Diesel engine and appropriate transmission.

STUDEBAKER 4—Two speed 6.13-8.10 and H.D. 6.20 or 6.80 optional. ++—Two speed 6.13-8.10 optional.

TRUCKSTELL \*—Single front, dual rear.

†—With 3 speed power divider.

†—Weight with cab and maximum tires.

\*—Including silp-over reinforcing frame channels.

†—Air brake optional.

### WARD LA FRANCE

2—Available with optional rear axies.

Available with 11.00/22 or 12.00/20 tires for G.V.W. of 60,000 lbs and optional front and rear axies.

Auxiliary transmission Fuller 3A65, 3B65, 3A92 and 3B92.

### WILLYS

\*Complete vehicle-Pick-up
Type body.

†—Three speed transmission,
2 speed transfer case.

†—Or Spicer 53-2 at discretion
of manufacturer only,

\*—Complete Vehic'e.

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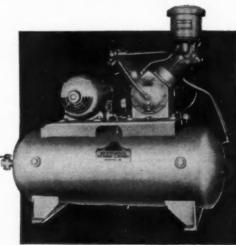
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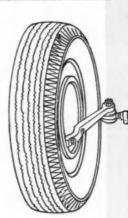
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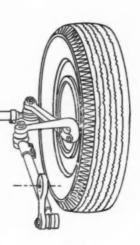
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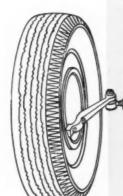
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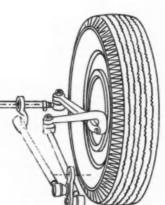
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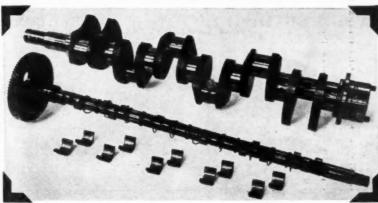
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### Cooperative Safety Patrol

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ville, Fla., a private carrier with mills in six states and converting plants in 15, had this to say after receiving its first report, "Your courtesy in furnishing this report is appreciated, and it will enable us to further emphasize the need for safety among our employees at all times."

And these are just a few quotes from a thick file of letters supporting the program received from truck and bus fleet operators.

The patrol plan is an activity of PMTA's Accident Prevention Conference, presently headed by Robert Varner, Coastal Tank Lines, York, Pa.,

with James Reaver, Motor Freight Express, York, Pa., as chairman of the Conference's Observation Patrol Committee. O. D. Shipley, PMTA Safety Director, administers the program.

### How the Plan Works

CENTRAL idea of the plan is cooperation—you observe my trucks and I'll watch yours. Presently there are 189 members including not only forhire and private carrier safety supervisors but also truck and bus executives from other departments of the companies, representatives from insurance brokers, industry suppliers, government officials—state and local, oil companies, various regional safety councils and Pennsylvania State College's well-known Institute of Public Safety.

They come from Connecticut, the District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

The plan is simple in operation. Each member is given a numbered membership card, a pad of report forms (illustrated pg. 65), a few brief instructions and a supply of stamped envelopes addressed to PMTA.

### On the Highway

OUT on the highway, it is an easy matter to note both good and bad driving practices, fill out the report at the next stop for coffee or gas and drop it in the mail. And it does not have to be a vehicle from the observer's company.

The instructions emphasize getting the facts, say, "an inaccurate report will do more harm than good." They outline what information is needed for identification, how to fill out the blanks on the form and suggest what information fleet operators look for under the heading, "Remarks." Early speed checks ran into trouble, led to including the line asking for the date the observer's speedometer was last calibrated. Research showed that regular model speedometers could be off 7 to 8 mph, but reasonable accuracy could be had by having them calibrated every 30 to 60 days.

After receiving his supplies and membership card, it is up to the observer. But he does get a push every now and then from PMTA in the form of a periodic bulletin that includes, in addition to spot news and information, an "Honor Roll" and a listing of members of the "Almost But Not Quite Club." According to Shipley, it is not long before members listed here make the honor roll. To keep the membership active, names are dropped if no reports are submitted within 90 days.

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Reports are checked at PMTA State Headquarters in Harrisburg, where a copy is placed on file, and the original is sent to the carrier concerned. Observation reports do not include the observer's name, only his membership number. In this way the authenticity of the report can be checked and the neutrality of the observer maintained.

Shipley has not yet had time to make a detailed analysis of the reports received so far this year—about 2500 during the first three months, over 600 a month and a big boost over the average of 160 a month in 1952. He does know that excessive speed, illegal riders and unsafe passing are the leading violations and, from talking to the observation patrol members, says that 90 per cent of the commercial vehicle drivers observed are doing OK.

Although some companies would give permission to do so, the definite policy of the program is not to stop trucks observed unless, as the instructions to observers state, "... a situation is apparent that might be the immediate cause of an accident or fire."

The extra equipment carried in many of the patrol cars has been of great help to many trucks. Recently, an observer saw the trailer lights go off on a vehicle ahead of him. He signalled the driver over and, using the extra bulbs, fuses and tape from his patrol car, was able to help the driver make the necessary repair and keep going.

Another recent example was the observer who came across a driver with a tire fire. They burn hot, and the driver had emptied two extinguishers trying to put it out without success. The observer's larger extinguisher cooled the tire off enough so it could be removed from the wheel, saving the trailer and its cargo from probable destruction.

#### Patrol's Turnpike Division

THERE is a special division of the observation patrol plan that keeps an eye on truck operation on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. There is no special qualification for this group except an interest in the special problems arising from Turnpike operation—mainly high speed and passing. These observers get together once a month—usually at Bedford, Pa., central point on the Pike—to exchange information and ideas. This special activity arose from a meeting last November called to see what could be done to further reduce truck accidents on the toll road.

Cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Police—both off and on the Turnpike—and with local enforcement officials has been good. In the beginning, the police were a little suspicious, afraid the highway patrol was out to white-wash the truck drivers or interfere with their enforcement job. The success of the program has changed that and cooperation is the general rule today.

Incidentally, many of the patrol cars have mobile telephones, and some observers have attached short wave converters to their car radios. Quick telephone contact between observers bring the company's representative to the scene of an accident quickly. On the Turnpike, short wave reception of the State Police Turnpike wave length makes it possible for patrolling observers to arrive at the scene fast and assist the State Police in traffic control and first aid.

#### What Are the Results

COMMENTS from the observers lead the conclusion that the patrol plan is paying off in an intangible way. Truck drivers, becoming aware of the operation of the plan, are being more and more careful. With only about half the cars in the patrol identified as safety patrol cars, they are never quite sure (TURN TO PAGE 118, PLEASE)



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when they are being observed. Recently an observer, seated in his unmarked car at a coffee stop, watched a truck drive up. However, instead of going in for coffee, the driver came over to the observer and asked how he (the driver) was doing. He told the observer he had heard about the observation patrol plan adding, "It really keeps us on our toes these days."

Fast Becoming Nationwide

So FAR this year, PMTA has received reports on observations made in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada.

After being checked at PMTA headquarters in Harrisburg, the reports have been mailed to bus and truck operators in 28 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to the states named above, they have gone to North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and California.

In fact, anticipating the spread, PMTA held a meeting in Harrisburg last February which was attended by fleet safety men and officials from six eastern states. A check showed similar plans in operation in Indiana and Massachusetts. Presently, similar plans are being organized or considered in Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina and Ohio. American Trucking Assns. has now adopted PMTA's report form for nationwide use and is organizing a program to coordinate each state's operations to prevent overlapping.

#### Do Fleet Operators Use Reports?

ONE of the main purposes of the cooperative safety patrol is to keep operators informed on what their trucks are doing on the highway. Do these reports dead end on the boss's desk or are they put to use? Let us look again at PMTA's file of letters.

Blue Ridge Lines, Hagerstown, Md., a bus operator, wrote, "... we will take definite action with the driver involved."

One common carrier has established the policy that five reports from five different observers is sufficient cause for dismissal. The company checks each report with the driver concerned, sometimes finds out about other violations. One driver denied having an illegal passenger, but investigation turned up inconsistencies in his log and a 70 mph run down a hill.

F. J. Boutell Driveaway Co., Inc., Flint, Mich., passes the comment on to the driver or supervisor depending on the action required. In a recent note to a driver, the company noted, "Inasmuch as this represents your first such violation, this letter will serve as an initial warning in regard to speeding. Any further infractions of these regulations will subject you to disciplinary action to consist of a threeday suspension from duty." But such warnings are not always the case. In a note to a supervisor, after citing several traffic safety violations, the company concluded, "Inasmuch as there is an unauthorized passenger involved in addition to the flagrant safety violations you will doubtless place yourself in a position to release Mr. (the driver)."

From car carrier J. H. Sprecher, Inc., Lebanon, Pa., came this report: "You may be interested in knowing that all such reports are first reviewed with drivers. We compare your time and location report with drivers' logs. Driver is listed with good or bad reports, as case may be, in our monthly (TURN TO PAGE 120, PLEASE)

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Company Bulletin. For bad reports, punishments in compliance with the Revised Uniform Rules and Regulations, as agreed upon by the National Automobile Transporters Assn. and the Teamsters' Union, A. F. of L. are meted

Heavy hauler and riggers, Dade Trucking, Inc., Mineola, N. Y., replied to a report, "We have corrected the lights and reflectors and have cautioned our Maintenance Department and drivers regarding the necessity of having these items in good condition."

Motor Cargo, Inc., Akron, Ohio, wrote, "I have this date had our driver into the office and thoroughly discussed the whole matter with him. . . .

From Lancaster (Pa.) Transportation Co. came this response, "When these reports are received we determine the name of the particular driver that was on the vehicle at that particular time. A letter is written to that driver calling his attention to the observation

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that was made and reported to us. His team captain in our own safety program is notified regarding the incident. This becomes a part of his record and is filed in his individual folder. In addition to this, the particular driver with his steward or team captain is interviewed personally and reprimanded according to the seriousness of the offense."

From Rensselaer, N. Y., common carrier Dorn's Transportation, Inc., noted, "This correspondence has been made a permanent part of this driver's Safety Record and will be considered when his record is evaluated at the end of this calendar year for the annual Safe Driver Awards.'

From local trucker H. L. & F. Mc-Bride, Goshen, N. Y., came this comment, "Each observation report . . . is evaluated and the proper notations are entered in the driver's personnel file. This is the only method we have of obtaining operational control over our drivers, while they are on the highway."

And sometimes the reports give assurance of the effectiveness of safety training programs.

After receiving a report commending one of their drivers, Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit, wrote, "I am sure you will be pleased to know that for the past several years we have been conducting a rather vigorous campaign on safety, as well as courtesy, and it is very gratifying to know that our efforts are bearing fruit."

#### Would You Like to Join?

MEMBERSHIP in the program is not confined to highway safety specialists, although they do make up the greatest part. If you have a sincere interest in highway safety, are connected directly or indirectly with the truck or bus industry and are out on the highway a reasonable amount of time, chances are you can get a membership card. Shipley says, "The more active members we have, the more effective our program will be and so we're always ready to welcome applications.

For further information, contact 0. D. Shipley, Safety Director, Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assn., Seventh Floor, Telegraph Bldg., Harrisburg,

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First Truck Driver: "Congratulate me, big boy. My doctor just passed me as 100 per cent on my I. C. C. physical examination. I have 20-20 vision.

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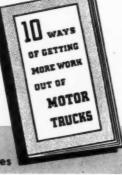
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easy selection. Various sized nuts and washers are also readily available from a rack of boxes which may be moved from place to place in the shop.

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From the accompanying floor plan it will be seen that vehicles may enter the shop either directly from the yard or through the garage. Usually vehicles are driven through the garage, cleaned off on the wash rack, then driven into the shop.

The large L-shaped garage features two full-length drains stretching from door to door. These are particularly useful in wet and winter weather to catch drippings from trucks while they are driven to their parking space. The garage also has a full-length loading dock along the west side; two wash racks, one along the east wall, the second in the west section.

At each end of the garage there are two electrically operated doors. As a safety feature, the doors open completely after instant contact of the "Open" button. The "Close" button must be held until the doors are completely closed; if the button is released the doors return automatically to the full open position.

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The operating cost curve rises gradually at a declining rate. This cost might include customary operating expenses, such as gasoline, lubricants, tires and incidentals.

The unreliability cost curve reflects an estimate of the direct and indirect losses from increasing undependability, as indicated by road breakdowns and idle time for repairs.

The combined cost curve is the sum of the several component cost curves. It declines at first, reaches a low point, and then rises when rising maintenance, operating and unreliability costs more than offset declining capital wastage.

#### Average Lifetime Cost

ONCE the combined cost of operating the old truck is established, both for its lifetime to date and the expected cost at least one year hence, the next problem is to compute the average lifetime cost of the new truck. Many people do not understand why the new truck cost curve is averaged and therefore flat. The answer is important and relatively easy to explain. The decision to keep the old truck makes only a short term commitment for one more year or less. But the alternative to buy a new truck makes a long term commitment to incur the cost of running the new truck throughout its economic lifetime. It is therefore only the lifetime average of the new truck that is rele-

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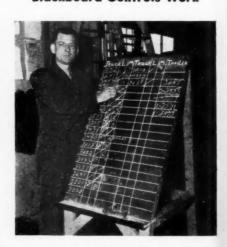
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Admittedly it is far easier to plot the actual costs of the old truck than to forecast the expected cost of the new truck. Yet this must be done. Of course the starting point for the forecast is usually past experience. But adjustments must be made for changed construction and probable improvements in the new truck and any changes in your own operating conditions. The biggest hazard is the rate of future obsolescence

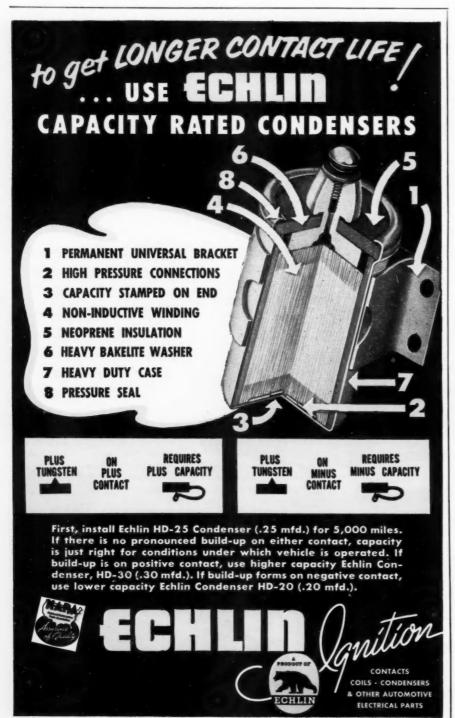
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#### **Blackboard Controls Work**



At the Portland terminal of West Coast Fast Freight every tractor and trailer that comes in is listed by number on this blackboard. After the space for the number there are two squares marked L and M, L for lube and M for mechanical work. When the tractor has been lubed, the mechanic or lube man who had charge of the job comes to the board and draws a line through the lube square after the tractor number. On mechanical work the same procedure is followed. "This board is law," D. E. Belt, shop superintendent says, "if a dispatcher wants to know if a tractor or trailer is ready to go out, all he has to do is to look at the board."





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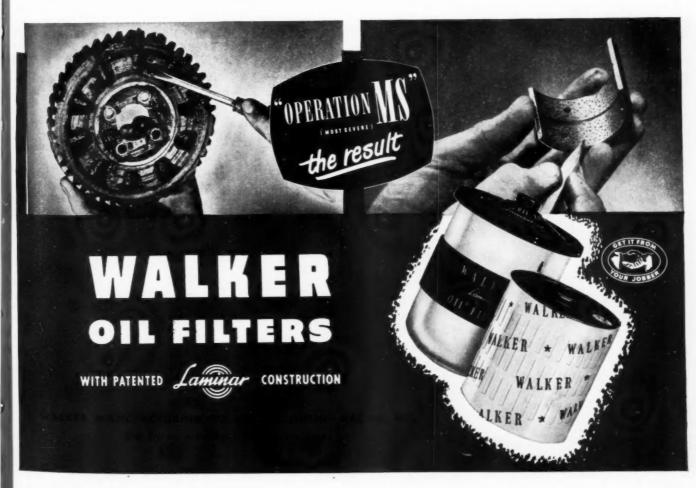
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and it is usually safer to err in the direction of underestimating its expected life.

Next the combined cost of operating the old truck is plotted against the average lifetime cost of the new truck as in Figure 2. The key to timing the replacement is contained in the expected cost savings shown in the shaded area between the two graphs. The present truck should be replaced if its expected

cost (both initial and operating) during the next year are sufficiently higher than the average annual cost of the new truck by a sufficient margin to yield an adequate cost savings return on the capital needed to purchase the new truck.

#### Projecting Future Costs

THAT in a very condensed form is the basic operation of the plan. Of course, there are many variables in projecting future costs that must be left to individual judgment.

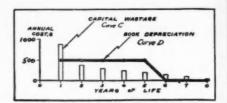


Fig. 3. Typical difference between book depreciation (an arbitrary accounting dept. figure) and capital wastage (based on actual value) at yearly intervals

It should be noted that the important capital wastage curve is based on the market value of the vehicle at various ages. This may vary considerably with any book depreciation rate established by the company. The vital difference between the book value and the actual market place value is in the time distribution. Both will eventually account for the same aggregate amount but at different time intervals as shown in Fig. 3.

In predicting future market values, economic trends must also be carefully considered. Artificially high market values resulted from the shortages following World War II and the Korean conflict, from steel strikes and other related causes. It may, therefore, be necessary to plot both a present level curve and an anticipated future level curve as shown in Fig. 4.

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Fig. 4. Sometimes it is necessary to adjust capital wastage curve to expected changes in market values which may be caused by shortages, surpluses, etc.

Curve A represents the disposal valuefunction now. Curve B is this forecasted curve one year hence, assuming a possible price decline. To estimate the future capital wastage, we must hop from the age-two value on Curve A to the age-three value on Curve B, instead of moving down one year on Curve A, as in a normal market. Thus, on the diagram, the estimated future decline in disposal value is the distance D instead of the normal wastage C. For very old trucks the age decline becomes negligible and the market shifts may become relatively more significant in estimating capital wastage.

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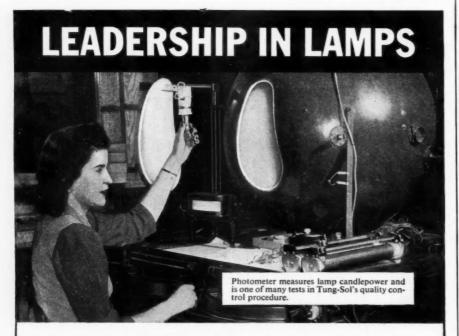
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There shall be a chief recorder and two assistant recorders who also will serve as spotters in receiving the points earned or lost signals from the field judges. The recorders are to maintain their headquarters on the field of action where they can plainly see and interpret field judges signals for the accurate recording of points earned or lost by the contestant.

Field test judges, the rules provide, are to be completely familiar with the

arm and hand signals scoring system and their use, and further be completely familiar with the field test problem or problems to be judged and how the contestant is to accomplish the problem sa that they may accurately judge the contestant as he negotiates a given problem or problems. Field judges will position themselves so that they are visible at all times by the recorders. When giving a signal, the field test judge will face the recorder so that their signals are visible and properly interpreted by the recorders.

The announcer at the beginning of the running of the field tests, is to explain to the audience the arm and hand signal scoring system and have the field test judges visibly demonstrate each signal to the audience as the explanation is given.

#### State Assn. Rules

A LL contestants entered in any truck roadeo jointly sponsored by two or more state associations are subject to the same eligibility rules that apply to a contestant entered in a single association state contest.

The rules provide that:

"Each state association running a truck roadeo shall have the option of requiring the contestants to name the type or types of vehicles they elect to drive in competition at the time they enter the roadeo. If such equipment is not available at the time of the running of the roadeo, the contestant involved must choose from the equipment entered in the contestant's class of competition available on the field.

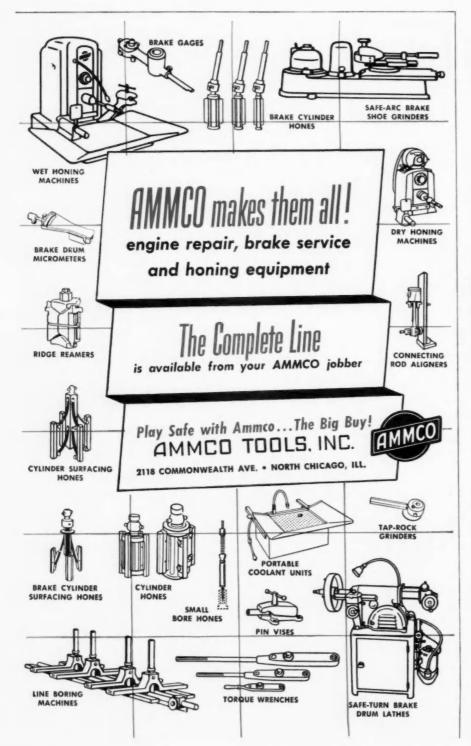
"Contestants selecting equipment available on the field for use in the field tests prior to the time the field tests begin must use the same equipment or make and model throughout the contest.

"When two or more states desire to unite and jointly sponsor a truck roadeo they may do so and all rules governing a single state contest are applicable to jointly sponsored contests. The winning champion in each class of competition in a jointly sponsored truck roadeo shall have the same status in the national truck roadeo as that now enjoyed by a champion representing a single state."

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Wrinkled Old Maid: "You ba-a-a-d boy. Don't you dare kiss me again." Freight Checker: "Don't worry, miss, I won't. I'm trying to find out who has the bourbon at this party."



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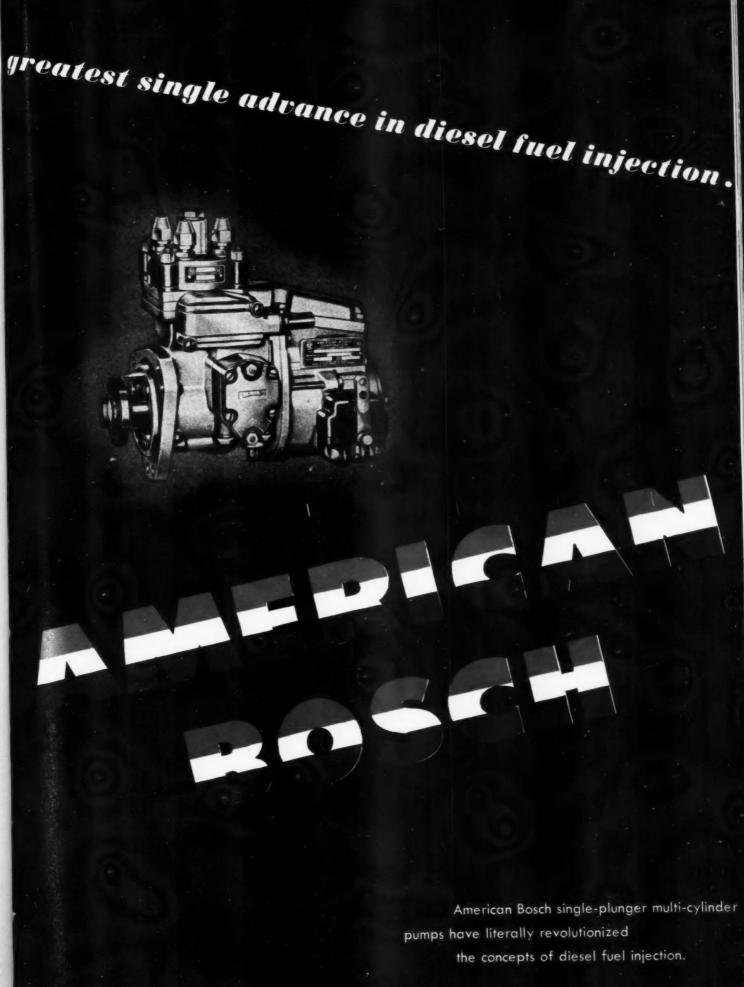
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ting a report on the interview to Personnel. If the driver's record over the next six months shows no improvement, the divisional superintendent gets another high sign. If the succeeding interview produces no beneficial results, Personnel calls the driver in for a talk with the chief instructor. An attempt is made to ascertain whether attitude or ability is

at fault, and corrective measures taken. The driver is placed on probation and, if no progress is made, he is finally released.

MTC finds this system works for two reasons: (1) By first giving the divisional superintendent the opportunity to correct the erring driver, the former is made to feel he has a place in the safety program and extends his cooperation. (2) And the driver knows he has plenty of time to redeem himself, doesn't live in an atmosphere of anxiety.

Howard Baker feels that the longentrenched apathy towards safety was licked through a good system of employee communication. Employees were informed of all moves, provided with an understanding of accident causes. Day-to-day summaries, accident location maps, inter-divisional record charts were posted at all terminal bulletin boards to give a sound physical picture of what was transpiring in each territory.

#### Two Safety Contests

BAKER admits that he got the most effective rise out of the hard-to-crack oldtimers through the safety contests: "The element of gamble seems to be ever present in this city. Once the race is on, you can just feel the boys warming up." MTC's competitions are of a wide-open nature as contrasted with the fixed progression type of reward in most safety contest plans.

Actually, there's two different types of contests. First there's a team competition: All the men in a single operating division using the same equipment, driving on the same streets and under the same traffic conditions, try to improve their own operating accident record over their previous year's showing. In this, they're matched against each of the other operating divisions.

In the second type of contest, the emphasis is on the individual operator. Any employee who hasn't been involved in a chargeable accident over a set period, rates a chance at winning a valuable merchandise prize. The two types of contests are complementary. A man eliminated from the personal award competition through a chargeable accident still pulls hard for his team in the divisional competition.

At the last prize draw for 1952 winners, some 1600 employees and their wives turned out at the big social evening to receive a total of 188 valuable household articles. Professional artists provided entertainment between presentation of prizes. These competitions are especially potent, Howard Baker believes, because of the further "pressure" exerted on the driver from "above"—his wife.

Interest in the inter-divisional contest is maintained from month to month by the presentation of the MTC safety flag to the leading division. Through the ensuing month the flag flies proudly at the winning division's terminal. At each of the less fortunate terminals, there's an empty flag-holder and this written reminder: "WHY ISN'T THE SAFETY FLAG FLYING HERE?"

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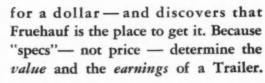
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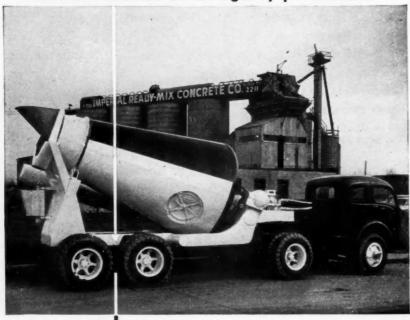
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#### **Driver Training**

BACKDROP for this conscientious safety program is an exhaustive program of driver training and selection. MTC's Personnel Department lays heavy stress on job analysis, reasoning thusly: "We don't put machines in to do specific jobs without first drawing up detailed specifications as to their required construction and performance. It's even more important that we extend the same consideration to the human element of our safety program."

Selection techniques include an exhaustive battery of aptitude, educational and achievement tests. Training is actually spread out over sevaral months and takes in all types of vehicles in the system. For instance, a trainee will spend his first three weeks on a streetcar, learning both motorman and conductor duties. Then he goes out on the road in a street car under fairly close supervision for three months.

Only then—after he has a full appreciation of fixed rail operation—does he move on to bus training. (Of course, most times, he will have had previous experience driving his own car or truck before he is selected for bus training.) This training is again followed by practical, closely supervised experience on the road. The final week of the course is devoted to trolley-bus training.

Howard Baker credits far-sighted management - right up to Arthur Duperron, chairman and general manager of Montreal Transportation Commission and the other sympathic commissioners-with a generous portion of the program's success. Cautions Baker: "Employees will not pay much attention to safety activities unless they see that someone in a high executive position is participating. Laxity by management in setting up control systems for selecting and training employees, maintenance and inspection of vehicles, contributes to accidents. Prestige is important for the safety engineer. Management must attach importance to his worth. Otherwise no one else in the organization will pay much attention to him. A safety engineer who has to go around with his hat in his hand and come in by the side door will rarely be able produce satisfactory results.'

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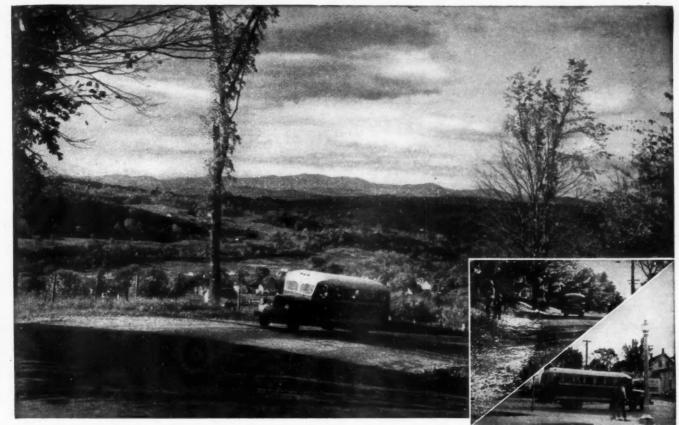
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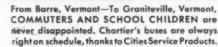
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forms are submitted in an endeavor to develop a satisfactory system that will conveniently give good truck stop coverage within the territory of operations and bring about certain economies. Whenever applicable, the section includes:

1. Suggested Letter to Dealers—for use by the hauler in establishing con-

tact with the truck stop dealers selected.

2. Suggested Outline of Dealer Procedures — agreement between hauler and truck stop dealer as to services to be rendered by the dealer.

3. Motor Fuel Purchase Control—tabulation sheets for each of the states indicated on the Information Guide form by the hauler, showing one-way

mileages, the estimated total fuel consumption on a round trip basis from home terminals to destination points, and the estimated gallonage that should be purchased on the road at truck stops for each type of vehicle used by the hauler.

4. Tabulation of Round Trip Mileages and Motor Fuel Consumption—(Fig. 4) for equipment having certain fuel carrying capacities and mpg characteristics as shown on the Information Guide. (See page 140.)

5. Authorization for Purchase of Motor Fuel—forms (Fig. 2) which can be issued by the dispatcher to drivers and should signify the gallonage to be purchased at indicated truck stops between home terminals and any destination point.

6. Daily Preventive Maintenance—Safety Road Check Report—checkoff list (Fig. 5) for daily use by service station attendants if such an agreement is desired and has been arranged between the hauler and the truck stop dealer. All or part of the items in this service can be used. (See page 144.)

7. General Trip Record of Data and Costs—has been designed for the purpose of permitting a study and follow-up of average trip costs for a selected number of destination points. With this kind of information on hand, the expense tally sheets of each driver for any trip can be quickly checked on the spot. However, it must be kept in mind that these would not include tire repairs, vehicle repairs, etc., since the purpose of this procedure would be to effect economies directly and immediately in over-the-road daily expenses and other costs at truck stop outlets.

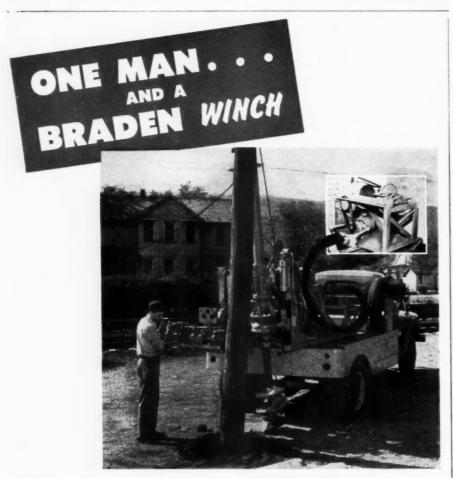
8. Suggested Instructions to Drivers—which may be used in whole or in part at discretion of the hauler.

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9. (a) Road Maps—on which have been spotted truck stops and outlines of indicated routes of travel. These maps are the control center for obtaining routings to be followed by drivers, locating truck stops at points where purchases are to be made, and determining mileages between fueling points in cases where they are not specifically indicated.

(b) Truck Stop Cards—(Fig. 3) showing information on the truck stop locations spotted on the maps. Drivers are usually instructed to advise the dispatcher of changes in the services and operation of truck stops as observed in their daily routine so that the dispatcher can keep these cards strictly up-to-date regarding dealer's name, hours of operation, facilities, etc. It may be found convenient to use the reverse side of each card for special comments of importance, such as commitments by dealers, volume of purchases, etc.

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For haulers who travel irregular routes and do not dispatch schedule trips from any particular point of origin, the oil company will furnish a list of indexed truck stop dealers, arranged by states. These listings are prepared in a durable spiral bound Truck Stop Handbook for issue to each driver. The Handbook may also include

TABULATION OF ROUND TRIP MILEAGES AND MOTOR FUEL CONSUMPTION

135-GALLON CAPACITY UNITS (Av. 5 miles per gallon)

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\*\*Bileage in relation to tank capacity is figured to allow for an excess of 5 gallons of motor fuel in tank at completion of trip, assuming tanks are full at start of trip. This allowance is made in order to meet emergencies such as snow, ice, congested traffic conditions, gas line break, etc.

Fig. 4. Fuel consumption is estimated, purchases controlled using this form

a section on the trucking company's rules and regulations and other desired directives. Also, irregular operations that have a heavy frequency of movements from specific terminals to various destinations may have complete routing information included in the Handbook for use on such trips.

#### Special Features of Plan

THE main purpose in preparing this system is to accomplish certain economy features that would fit into the hauler's present method of operation. Through use of dispatching slips it is possible to definitely control fuel purchases by predetermined gallonage for each and every strip at selected truck stops. There is no guesswork. There is no driver-handling of cash nor must the driver make decisions on how many gallons of fuel to buy. Control of purchases is placed in the Dispatcher's hands. Better buying methods and habits are developed. When desired, purchases of petroleum products may be made through use of a blind credit number. Under the Special Authorized Credit Plan the account is given a credit number which is posted at each truck stop designated by the hauler, and it is unnecessary for drivers to carry credit cards with them.

#### How the System Works

IN ORDER to further exemplify one type of Motor Carrier Service Plan operation, let us study the following case:

A dispatcher in Louisville, Ky., wishes to send a unit to Miami, Fla. By referring to the tabulation "Motor Fuel Purchase Control" showing destination points in the State of Florida (item 3 above), he will note that the round trip distance between Louisville and Miami is 2246 miles and that a total quantity of 449 gallons of fuel would be consumed in this particular vehicle on the trip. The dispatcher has elected to use a 135-gallon capacity unit

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WINNIPEG—Ft. Garry Tire Service Ltd.

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and notes that a total of 319 gallons of fuel must be purchased at truck stops. He then refers to the Tabulation of Round Trip Mileages and Motor Fuel Consumption (Fig. 4), from which it can be seen that the equipment can travel a maximum distance of 670 miles from Louisville before running out of fuel. Inasmuch as the round trip mileage is 2246 miles, the Dispatcher can

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Fig. 5. Owner can supply truck stop with forms, arrange for daily PM check

select any designated truck stops along the routing where the driver purchases fuel totaling 319 gallons for the round trip. The equipment will return with the 135-gallon tanks almost empty. Note that an allowance of 5 gallons has been provided for emergency purposes in computing the gallonage required for any round trip.

The driver, when making fuel purchases at designated truck stops, merely presents his Authorization for Purchase slip showing the gallonage to be delivered, but he retains the slip. The attendant, after making deliveries, fills out a receipt in the usual manner, giving the driver one copy and retaining one copy to be sent through for billing. In this case, a Special Authorized Credit Number was established at such stops. The credit number is placed on the fuel receipt by the service station attendant, who completes the receipt in accordance with instructions previously forwarded to the dealer by the hauler. When the driver returns and checks-in, he should turn in his Authorization slips and purchase receipts. These receipts should conform to the authorizations that were given by the dispatcher.

It should be remembered that this is just one example. In cases where regular routes are established, instructions would normally be given for the purchase of a specific number of gallons at selected stops. In cases where extended irregular routes are involved and many stops are necessary, the driver may be instructed to fill the tank at all stops except the last one where a predetermined number of gallons would be purchased to bring the truck in with approximately five gallons in the tank.

Probably the most important feature of the entire Plan is its flexibility, permitting individually tailored Plans for each company requesting Gulf's cooperation.

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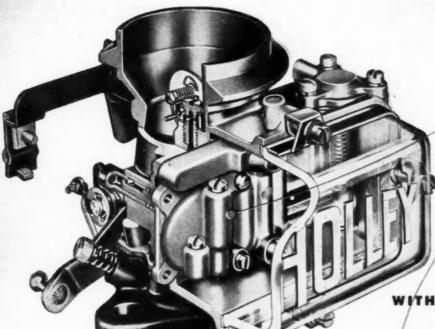
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# The Holley Visi-Flo



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In the past, service departments of car and truck dealers have had to maintain cumbersome stocks of tiny carburetor parts.

Vehicle manufacturers have urged servicemen not to patch up old carburetors or to replace them with rebuilt models but to buy and install new factory-built carburetors.

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bration shook the connection loose. A little detective work beyond merely repairing the hazard usually turns up the cause for the defect and that cause usually can be easily corrected.

Carburetor backfires cause fires. But, if the carburetor works like the manufacturer says it should, what then? Here are some other points to check in tracing this hazard down; poor quality

fuel, too lean or too rich fuel mixture, intake manifold leaks, stitcking distributor governor, incorrect ignition timing, preignition, faulty valve timing or sticking or improperly seated valves. If you have carburetor backfire, it may take a while to check all these possible causes, but it is easier than repairing or rebuilding a burnt-out engine.

Most fires resulting from traffic acci-

dents arise from a broken fuel supply line or a ruptured fuel tank. The shop can well say it can not be expected to build a tank and fuel line to withstand the beating they would take in a collision. On the other hand there are some things the shop can and should do to minimize the fire hazard from the fuel supply tank.

Routine checks for tank and line leaks should be made and be sure the tank is securely mounted. And, again, if there is a line leak or a broken mounting bracket, find out why. Brackets quite often work loose or crack due to strain when improperly mounted. Gravity feed fuel systems are a special hazard, and, where possible, fuel systems should be arranged to reduce the possibility of a gravity leak in case the fuel line is broken.

The revised ICC Safety Regulations make certain specifications for fuel tanks on vehicles subject to their control. Local and intrastate operators can reduce fire hazards in their vehicles by adopting these standards. But putting in safety tanks is not enough. PM checks on these tanks include making sure the vent mechanism is clean and in operating order. Be sure the fuse plug has not been replaced with a steel pipe plug, which happens quite often after steaming out the tank has blown the original plug.

With LP gas operation all these things apply and, in addition, there is the extra precaution necessary in maintaining a fuel system under pressure.

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A HOT tailpipe too close to the flooring of a vehicle is another often neglected fire cause. Dragging tarpaulins or other flammable materials easily blaze up, ignited by hot exhaust. Check mufflers, tailpipe and other parts of the exhaust system for leaks. Be sure they have adequate ventilation space and are securely fastened. Look to see if there is any place where a good bounce on the part of the truck would bring them in contact with any sharp points; no sense in repairing a leak only to find another after the next trip is over.

A lot of brake fires start with poor maintenance. Loose brake linings, high rivet heads, unevenly seated blocks or out-of-round drums are typical brake fire causes, can be corrected in the shop. And keep out the dirt. Brakes operate on friction, are hot enough in normal operation without adding to the hazard. Brake fluid leaking on a hot drum can make a good fire, too.

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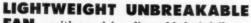
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#### ... Vehicle Fires

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#### Non-Mechanical Causes

FIRES that arise from non-mechanical and non-traffic accident causes are often the result of carelessness. Smoking hazards have been discussed above. Arson and vehicle fires resulting from the spread of some other fire can largely be prevented by parking trucks in protected areas away from fire hazards and strangers. Trash and litter along with oil or grease account for most spontaneous combustion fires. An

emphasis on keeping things clean will prevent most of these. In some cases, leaking cargo will combine with other cargo to ignite in this manner. Loaded correctly it should not happen. If possible, separate such cargo into two different trucks. Static electricity hazards should not be overlooked. Most trucks generate some, but, if the amount becomes excessive it is a fire hazard and the cause should be located and corrected. Tank trucks and others that normally carry flammable products usually should have grounding straps or chains.

Good material on the prevention of commercial vehicle fires can be obtained from the National Fire Protection Assn., 60 Batterymarch St., Boston 10, Mass. Included are the following pocket-sized manuals available at the prices indicated:

Truck Fire Protection, Recommended Good Practices, June, 1952, No. 512, 25¢.

Standards for Fire Protection and Prevention in Transit Operations, October, 1952, No. 83, 50¢.

Standards for the Storage and Handling of Liquified Petroleum Gases, June, 1952, No. 58, 35¢.

Recommended Regulatory Standard for Tank Vehicles for Flammable Liquids, 1948, No. 385, 25¢.

Fire Safety in Tank Truck Design, Jan., 1952, No. Q 45-12, 50¢.

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household goods. Since the new headquarters is located in the suburban area of Chicago, it has become unnecessary in most cases for large long distance vans to cope with congested city traffic. Local vans can pick up individual shipments and unload them at the terminal for consolidation on long distance vans. Another important advantage is that long distance vans coming into the new terminal can transfer shipments in accordance with the proper destination. In other words, a van destined for New York but carrying a shipment for New Orleans can drop off the New Orleans shipment for transfer to a van destined for the South.

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An added special feature of our new headquarters in Broadview is a roomy second-story section over part of the main loading dock, to provide sleeping and recreation facilities for van drivers. This includes 17 two-bed private sleeping rooms with adjacent lockers, showers and large recreation room.

Recently, about one-half of the shipments being serviced at the new Broadview terminal facility were either from or to the 27 Chicago AVL agents. But at the sleeping quarters there is often an over-night guest list of 25 or more drivers from the Pacific and Atlantic shores and the deep South.

One special terminal convenience for all coming and going vans is an outside weighing scale which is located at the edge of the driveway past the end of the main office building. The weightrecording unit for these scales has been extended upward into the end of our communications room on the second

The communications room, open nine hours a day, has Western Union service plus three teletype lines for communication with all agents who also have teletype. In addition, there is leased line service to Atlanta, Ft. Worth, New York, and other AVL offices. We are now urging our agents to have their own respective teletype machines to speed and simplify communications between offices.

Other chief departments in our headquarters office are dispatching, with tiers of visible files; a special IBM Room; a mail room and an accounting room. To facilitate operations, the State Permit department is adjacent to dispatching.

#### Better Driver Relations

THE SECOND chief objective pertains to better driver relations which, we feel, can only be achieved by working more closely with the men and making a careful study of their problems. Our company's attitude toward its drivers may be summarized as follows:

"The human element of any operations plan is the van driver. He is the custodian of valuable investments in equipment, sales effort, claim prevention and public and customer relations.

He is the out-of-town purchasing agent of labor, materials, repairs, gasoline, oil, etc. He represents the carrier in complying with federal, city and state regulations. Van drivers are an integral part of successful dispatching."

In the field of driver selection and training, Allied and its agents have rather thorough programs for the preemployment "verification" of all new drivers before hiring.

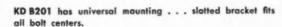
To keep drivers well informed, the official AVL "Driver's Manual," is now being generally promoted. The manual (TURN TO PAGE 152, PLEASE)

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is in loose-leaf form, to permit easy page insertion changes. In its present form, it includes the following 13 subject headings:

General Rules and Regulations. I.C.C. Rules and Regulations. Claims and S & D Reports.

Dispatch Policy. AVL Office Directory.

Drivers' Method of Reporting. How to Complete Shipping Papers and Distribute Them.

Weighing.

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Method of Collection. Comprehensive Transit Protection.

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Merit plans are now being set up for drivers and the chief respective bases for these plans will be "safety," "claim experience," and "communications."

#### Incentive Plans

WE ARE also embarking on a uniform plan for general driver recognition. This especially has included a program for the presentation of service recognition pins to all AVL drivers. There has been general surprise by our headquarters management, at the fact that the company has so many drivers with long-time records for continuous employment. To date, we have given out a total of 599 service pins. This includes 193 for one year; 169 for five years; 78 for ten years; 60 for 15 years; and 59 for 20 years.

This program also includes urging drivers to compete for annual safety awards, coming from three general sources - National Safety Council, American Trucking Associations, and

insurance companies.

In studying the problems of drivers in AVL service, practical methods for the control of gasoline purchases, driver selection and training, and safety information have been instituted. As a result, several new procedures have been put into use. New forms have combined two or more old ones, or have been shortened without eliminating vital information.

Information of all types directed to the drivers is now being sent to their homes. This includes safety news, letters, bulletins, commendations, and awards.

#### Standardized Records

ANOTHER of the new driver-recognition activities now being promoted among our agents is the general use of "complete" driver's record forms.

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This provides for the entry, on an individualized report form for each driver, of all personal items, both favorable and unfavorable. This would mean an up-to-date office record of all letters commending a driver, and an entry to indicate that the letter was mailed to the driver's home. Most of all, there would be direct mailings from the office to indicate to the driver that such fav-

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#### Observation Reports

FOR the past two years Allied Van Lines has subscribed to a plan operated by the Movers Conference of America. This plan is designed to establish on-the-spot road checks whereby inspectors can report conditions, favorable or unfavorable, concerning both the truck and the driver. For this service we pay \$1.00 to the Movers Conference and the agent about whom the report is made pays another \$1.00.

This service thus has been made positive and very broad. Each report summarizes an observed appearance or activity by a specific van and may be either favorable or unfavorable, from the viewpoint of the public service. It might mention the road speed of the vehicle, its general appearance, whether a passenger was riding with the driver, whether the driver was careful or reckless; or if being loaded or unloaded, the appearance and activities of the driver and helpers.

This service is closely related to another AVL activity, likewise started two years ago. This was the nation-wide inspection of all equipment in operation by our agents, designed to help achieve uniformity in the appearance and main-

tenance of our equipment.

Used at that time was a "driver's inspection report" form which included the three features of "inside equipment" with 18 items; "painting and lettering"; and "driver inspection."

Since that time, these AVL blanket inspections have been repeated, with the latest reported results of "large improvements" toward meeting AVL standards.

Equipment upkeep, of course, is closely related to the customary "preventive maintenance" checks in general AVL use. Our standard PM inspection for all long-distance equipment is at 20,000 mile frequency. This includes a total of 57 check items, supplemented by special group statements to summarize "repairs required," "material used-repair parts," and including the requirement need in "exchange units."

#### Claim Prevention

THE THIRD chief objective involves claims and claim prevention. In our claim prevention section we continuously carry on research with the large manufacturing concerns or agents, and other modes of transportation, in their handling of various items of household goods, including mechanical items or fragile pieces, and their recommendations for safe handling. From this research bulletins are developed and sent

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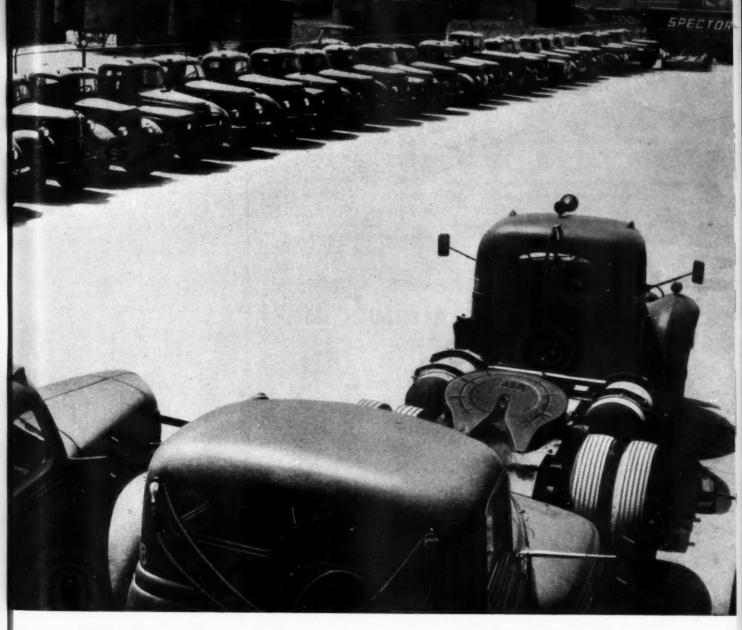
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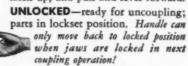
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to the attention of AVL agents and every driver. One bulletin recently sent required more than a year of research among various industries.

An important phase of this program has been the set-up of our specifications of minimum requirements for properly equipped vans. This especially includes the recommendation that there be enough good, clean, strong pads.

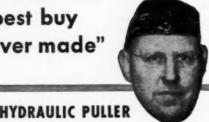
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search tests to learn the exact causes of our claims. This requires that each claim in which the agent becomes involved should be thoroughly analyzed, for use in our consolidated monthly analysis report, sent out by our claims department to each agent, following the prompt report by the agent of their In summary, it can be stated that in the eyes of the shipper, moving is a dramatic task and involves the han-

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Let's suppose that a firm has a fleet of 20 conventional panel trucks operating at peak efficiency to produce an average gross weekly volume of business of \$325 per truck for a total weekly fleet gross of \$6,500. A net profit of 2 per cent on gross volume is obtained. Drivers are paid a fixed weekly salary of \$75 and the total weekly volume of the fleet is fixed.

As an arbitrary figure, let's also suppose that by using man-high bodies the fleet can increase the efficiency of each driver by 12 per cent. (This is not an exceptionally high figure when it is considered that man-high bodies have greater capacity and are easier to work from than conventional panel trucks.)

With a fixed gross volume, the 12 per cent increase in driver efficiency means that fewer trucks are needed to handle the same amount of work. Actually, in this case it means that 18 man-high trucks would be used to do the same job formerly handled by 20 conventional panel units. There is a weekly saving in drivers' pay alone of \$150, equivalent to the profit on a gross business volume of \$7,500; not to mention the savings resulting from having to operate fewer trucks.

If it were possible to increase the gross volume, the fleet could handle a 12 per cent greater business volume with the same number of man-high trucks and drivers.

#### Other Service

IN ADDITION to its use as a route truck, the stand-up panel has a great potential as a service vehicle for such operators as public utility fleets, plumbers, mobile lunchrooms, television service, domestic heating firms, highway transport operators, airfield service, etc. Just recently we visited a public utility fleet in the midwest which uses this type of body for gas meter servicing. From the company's early days it had been customary practice to use the standard panel truck for this work, but with the change to "man high" bodies twice as many meters could be carried on each trip, resulting in greatly increased efficiency in the service department's routine. Another utility firm is now using these bodies for inter-plant pick up and delivery service.

This type of vehicle is also turning in excellent work when used for such specialized applications as mobile work shops.

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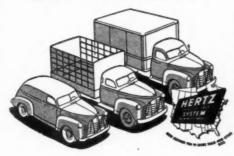
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## Choose the Right Body Type

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Selecting the Body

WHILE it is important to select a "man high" body when this is the most efficient for the job to be done, it is also important to choose the type of body which fits the driver's needs most closely.

For ease in making deliveries, the body should be slightly larger than actually required by the payload. Steps must be low, and the cargo space floor should be low and level. There must also be sufficient headroom to permit a tall driver to work in the body without stooping. Otherwise driver fatigue will result. For maximum cubic capacity the load space should be a clean rectangle.

To cut road time to a minimum and for increased safety margin, the truck must be easy to handle. A general rule for rating a vehicle in this regard is to choose the unit in the desired capacity range which has the shortest wheelbase, shortest overall length, widest front tread and sharpest turning angle of the front wheels.

Before comparing the prices of various makes of "man high" trucks, it is wise to draw up fairly detailed specifications covering the dimensions and equipment needed. Comparison of price can then be drawn between the units which meet these needs most closely.

Some items which should be included in your requirements: glass in the rear doors, roof insulation, and a safety check to keep the driver's seat from pitching forward in the event of collision. Square wheel housings should also be specified for units used to deliver packaged goods, cases, etc.

In specifying component parts, it is important to remember that multistop operation is rough on brakes, clutches, transmission components, cooling systems, springs, king pins and spindles. To keep maintenance costs low, each of these parts must be chosen to withstand the work load which will be placed on it so that periods between replacements may be extended as long as possible. With present high labor costs the need for frequent replacement of parts can be an important factor in the total cost of operating the vehicle.

For example, one fleet found that by using an oversize clutch it could extend the clutch replacement period by approximately 50 per cent. The same fleet, operating in congested metropolitan traffic found that some of its vehicles were obtaining only half the mileage on brake lining that other units, with a larger lining area on front and rear wheels were getting.

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An inadequate cooling system can soon boost maintenance costs. Some of the results: burned and cracked valves, increased fuel and oil consumption, more frequent need for ring and piston jobs; all adding to the cost per unit delivered.

If routes are operated over rough roads, the greater cost of oversize springs can be well justified by their longer potential life. Unless you have data on spring capacities needed, it is probably best to accept the recommendations of the spring manufacturer for the size of spring needed for your operation. Generally speaking, this principle will hold for other component parts too, but to make an intelligent recommendation the salesman must have a clear picture of your needs. Supplying this data is up to you.

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"Where'd you get that mongrel?"
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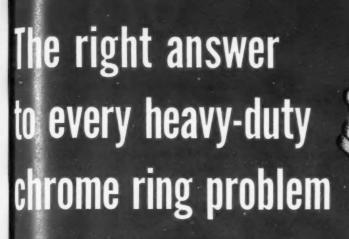
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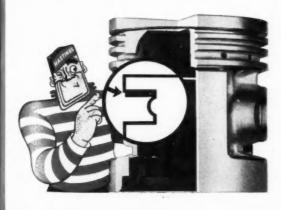
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# New Jersey Warning On Contraband Cigarettes

A FRIENDLY warning to truckers traveling in and through the State of New Jersey was recently issued by the State's Cigarette Tax Bureau. Reason for the warning: investigations by the bureau in connection with the New Jersey Cigarette Tax Law have shown

that some drivers are picking up quantities of unstamped cigarettes in tax free states then selling them to employees at New Jersey terminals at a small profit.

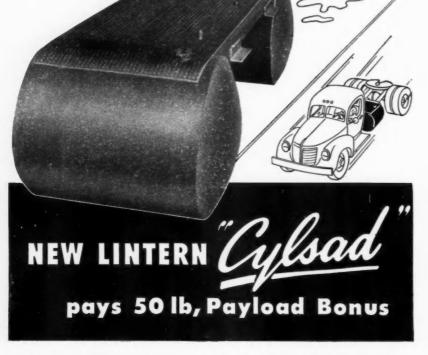
The bureau explained that it acknowledges that this practice is not generally

known of or authorized by the owners of the vehicles, but pointed out that if an investigator finds a driver carrying unstamped cigarettes without proper authorization the truck may be confiscated.

Drivers themselves face stiff penalties for selling unstamped cigarettes. Under the state's cigarette tax law and the Unfair Cigarette Sales Act of 1952 the following violations and penalties are listed:

- (a) Transacting business without a license—maximum penalty \$250;
- (b) Selling cigarettes not bearing required revenue stamps—maximum penalty \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year;
- (c) Possession and transportation of unstamped cigarettes-according to the law, anyone transporting cigarettes not bearing stamps required by the tax act must have invoices or delivery tickets for the cigarettes. These must show the true name and address of the consignor or seller, the true name and address of the consignee or purchaser, the quantity and brands of the cigarette transported and the name and address of the person who has or shall assume the payment of the state tax at the point of ultimate destination. In the absence of such invoices or delivery tickets, the cigarettes and the vehicle in which they are being transported shall be confiscated and the transporter may be liable to a penalty of not more than \$25 for each individual carton of cigarettes so transported by him. Vehicles confiscated under this law are held by the state until the case is heard by a court.

Bureau officials point out that it is to the advantage of fleet management to warn drivers against violations of the act to avoid confiscation of their vehicles.



Thanks to Lintern designers, the new Cylsad Saddle Tank gives you a bonus of 50 lbs. extra payload on every run—at no sacrifice in safety.

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For complete details ask for Bulletin 1153.

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Featured at the recent opening of the new Amon Carter Field at Fort Worth, Texas, these Ford F-7 trucks are equipped with modern equipment to fight airplane fires. Each of the closed-cab trucks has a high-pressure pump capable of pumping 500 gal per minute and pressures of more than 600 lb. Both carry 500 gal of water and are equipped with chemical extinguishers, booster reels and hose, fog nozzles and other fire fighting tools. Outfitting was handled by the General Detroit Corp., general fire truck division, Detroit.

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## **New Hall-Scott Engines**

HALL-SCOTT Motor Division, ACF-Brill Motors Co., Berkeley, Cal., has recently announced production of two new, 6-cyl engines for gasoline or LP gas operation. Both the new models, No. 855 and No. 935, have cylinders cast enbloc of chrome nickel molybdenum iron.

Other features common to both engines are hold down studs extending from the crankcase up through the block and cylinder head, a new cylinder head with a "figure 8" combustion chamber and swirl type intake ports for combustion efficiency, and an "octopus" type intake manifold for equal distribution of the fuel mixture and maximum filling of the cylinders.

#### Model No. 855

DETAILS of the Model No. 855 include 51/2-in. bore, 6-in. stroke, 6 cyl, and a displacement of 855 cu in., with a bare dry weight of 2150 lb. Overall dimensions are 621/4 in. in length, 48 in. in height, and 301/2 in. wide.

It is rated at 240 bhp at 2400 rpm, with a maximum torque of 680 lb-ft at 1400 rpm. Using LP gas as fuel, the engine will develop 276 bhp at 2400 rpm, with maximum torque at 775 lb-ft at 1200 rpm. Piston compression ratios have been increased on the gasoline engines to 6 to 1 while LP engines are using 9 to 1 ratio.

#### Model No. 935

THE Model No. 935 is rated at 265 bhp at 2400 rpm. Maximum torque is 820 lb-ft at 1400 rpm. The new engine has a nominal compression ratio of 6.4 to 1.

Overall dimensions are: length 621/4 in., height 48 in., width 301/2 in. With a 53/4-in. bore and 6-in. stroke, the displacement is 935 cu in. The dry weight of the bare engine (without accessories) is 2150 lb. The butane-powered version develops a rated bhp of 305 at 2400 rpm. Maximum torque is 880 lb-ft at 1400 rpm. The nominal compression ratio is 8.8 to 1.

The crankshaft journals and crankpins have both been increased 1/4 in. in diameter, and the crankshaft is now made with 12 counterweights, instead of 6 as previously. The connecting rods have been shortened by 1/2 in. The rods are rifle drilled for pressure lubrication of the piston pins and spray cooling of piston heads.

Two vertical filters have replaced the two horizontal filters used in former models, and a Ross heat exchanger has replaced the oil cooler. The air compressor is located in the cooling fan blast as in the older model, but it is driven by dual "V" belts to insure a softer drive.

#### "Motor Truck Facts" . . . To Be a Yearly

"Motor Truck Facts," published every two years up to now by AMA, hereafter will be issued annually. The move indicates the important status that the trucking industry has assumed in the national economy. This year's edition will be out about August and will contain the usual valuable compilation of data about the industry, including such facts as production, registrations, sales, accident rates, employment, taxes, and various other statistics of value to operators and others interested in promoting good public relations for the trucking industry.

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men's compensation set-up to determine whether you should be self-insured or buy insurance?

5. If you are buying it, are you buying it right?

6. What are you doing about industrial accident prevention? Is it merely lip service or do you administer a specific and workable program of activities with full time promotion, education and supervision for the prevention of occupational injuries?

Now let's turn to a concrete program of positive measures applied to on-thejob injury prevention. The activities outlined here are offered with the hope that there may be some suggestions which might be utilized and proved beneficial to those motor carriers whose experience in workmen's compensation is unfavorable.

The following figures show our experience rating modifications:

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California	a									95.0%	88.0%
Colorado											72.5%
Idaho				*						82.5%	72.5%
Kansas	*	*				×				82.5%	72.5%
Missouri									*	82.5%	72.5%
Illinois		*	,		,	,				73.2%	66.3%
Utah	*					*				86.4%	86.0%

These figures are the per cent of PIE's rate to the manual rates established for our industry in the various states. The most interesting aspect, of course, is our own reduction in 1953 compared with

With the close of the year 1949, a loss ratio of 62 per cent presented a challenge to do something about it then and there. We had been concentrating heavily on fleet accident prevention with successful results, but a 62 per cent loss ratio on workmen's compensation meant a direct loss of \$53,000 with additional indirect and intangible losses estimated at three to four times that amount. Here is what we have done and are doing at PIE to reduce the frequency and severity of occupational injuries.

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#### Supervisors' Safety Conferences

THE first step was an educational program designed for front line supervisors. This was a five-hour course prepared and conducted by the director of safety and split into three sessions at each major terminal from the West Coast to Chicago. One primary theme was developed at each session:

1. Create and maintain active interest and belief in safety and accident prevention. As so aptly stated by Cutter and Elkow at New York University, "There is still too much of an implied tendency to accept the inevitability of accidents and not enough resolute decision that concerted preventive measures can stop most of them."

2. Fact finding through proper interview with the injured and comprehensive reporting.

3. Correction based on facts.

As a part of these conferences, the "accident sequence" developed by H. William Heinrich in the book Industrial Accident Prevention was used.

Regularly scheduled conferences are continuing-two or three a year, with almost 200 supervisors attending. A few of the subjects stressed are: Cause analysis of industrial injuries, types, direct and indirect costs, explanation of workmen's con:pensation rates and experiences, the role of the supervisor

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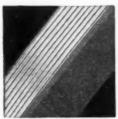
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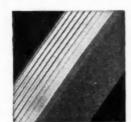
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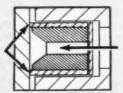
## Photographic evidence of efficient American Hammered Krome-Oil break-in

This top groove American Hammered Krome-Oil Compres-sion Ring is from a set which was pulled after five thousand miles of use in a heavy duty and extremely rugged fleet operation. In the enlarged photograph at right, note the smooth, even way it is wearing in. High unit pressure and narrow land contact, coupled with the long wearing qualities of Krome, impart maximum efficiency and dura-bility to American Hammered Krome-Oil Piston Ring Sets.



#### Cross-section of Krome-Oil Krome Steel Edge Oil Ring in groove

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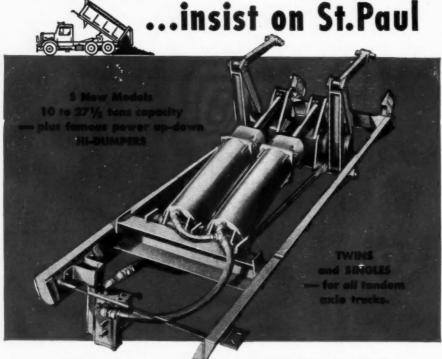
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in accident prevention, and methods of reducing accidental injuries.

Supervisors are taught that accident prevention must be placed on an equal level of importance with the administration of all operational procedures which make up their duties. Furthermore, in evaluating the competency of any foreman, his ability to reduce industrial accidents is an index equal to other measures of production and general supervisory ability.

### Reports and Records

EVERY injury is reported following a brief interview between the injured employee and his immediate supervisor. Continual reemphasis is needed on prompt, comprehensive and factual reporting.

Injuries are recorded alphabetically, segregated by stations, and classified by type of injury. Cost figures are prepared monthly. An injury repeater file is maintained and a monthly recap is received from our insurance carrier. The insurance company is immediately notified of any discrepancies.

#### Statistical Summaries

CHARTS and summaries are distributed monthly to stations showing a breakdown of frequency and severity by stations and departments. Periodic charts are prepared by our insurance company showing premium, number of injuries, medical and compensation costs, and loss ratio. A special breakdown is used to give figures pertaining to various departments within a station.

#### Safety Committees

AN active safety committee at each major station meets once a month and forwards the minutes of its meeting to the Director of Safety. Recommendations are given to the appropriate foreman who, in turn, has an opportunity at regular employee meetings to stress reduction of his station injury rate along with overall operation problems.

### Display Material

A LARGE accident score board is located in each shop and on each dock. It shows the number of days since the last occupational injury, the name of the person last injured, and the number of injuries last month compared with the current month. Appearing on a bulletin board is the monthly injury summary showing the rate and ranks of all stations.

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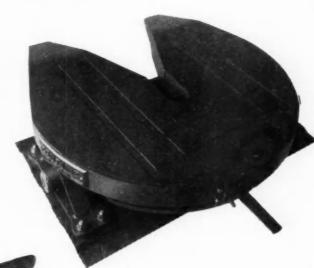
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#### Contests

THE company participates in the National Safety Council's Industrial Accident Prevention Contest and finished in third place last year. There were 19 companies in that particular division with an average rate of 28.13 injuries per million man hours. P.I.E. rate was 11.85. The contest serves to

Here is the way P.I.E. has reduced workmen's compensation costs:

Year	Premium	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio	Dividend	Total No. Employees	Cost Per Employee
1949	\$ 86,247.61	\$53,469.29	62.0%	undetermined	1472	\$36.32
	\$104,010.88	\$38,538.71	37.1%	\$44,045.93	1481	\$26.02
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stimulate interest in the company's showing on a national status.

Within the company, a quarterly trophy is presented to the station showing greatest improvement in its injury rate. As a counter point to this award, a contest was initiated to motivate stations to stay out of bottom place in monthly standings. The prize for the poorest showing is an 8-Ball trophy upon which is engraved, "Our dock had the worst injury rate in P.I.E. for the past month." There is a similar award for shops.

Of all contests, the 8-Ball trophy gives impetus to the hottest competition. There is one for the district dock supervisor and one for the district service foreman showing the worst rate for the month. This activity is the most popular of all particularly for the station who is on the sending end of the 8-Ball to another station. During a recent month, the plan boomeranged and the



8-Ball trophy landed on the safety director's desk. A perfect record in all shops precluded its being awarded anywhere in the system.

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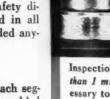
REPRESENTATIVES from each segment of the system were assembled at headquarters and given an intensive First Aid Instructor's Course. These men have conducted training courses throughout the system with an aggregate attendance so far of 800 employees. In addition to creating an awareness to possible injury, First Aid training has enabled our people to catch some minor injuries in time before they became disabling.

### Keep in Touch

WHENEVER our insurance carrier makes a compensation or medical payment, a copy of the draft is sent to our office. Monthly recaps are thus double checked and cases which appear to be overpaid, too high a reserve, or too long open, are called to attention. Occasionally a change in doctors is suggested when charges are question—(TURN TO PAGE 174, PLEASE)

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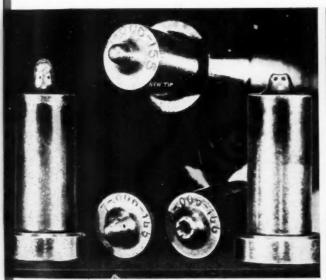
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### Flat Top for Special Hauling

A heavy-duty cargo truck that looks like a highway-borne aircraft carrier is now being manufactured by Murty Brothers, Portland, Ore. The truck, which has a huge steel deck broken only by the "island" formed by the cab in the left front corner, is designed for carrying pipe, lumber, structural steel and other long, bulky cargo that would otherwise require a tractor and semi-trailer. The Murty flat-top is made with both single-axle and dual-axle drive. The single-axle type has a 25 ft deck length with a turning wheelbase of only 14 ft 11 in., giving it an extremely high ratio of maneuverability for the length of its deck. The dual truck has a 30 ft deck and a 17 ft wheelbase. Pay loads are 10 tons for the single-axle and 15 tons for the dual axle. The engine, a 150-hp White, is mounted under the cab.

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able. The entire procedure keeps an alert relationship with our insurance company and stimulates good cooperation.

We attend as many industrial hearings as possible, this is important in demonstrating a sincere interest and a leveling influence in all-around fair treatment.

Naturally an insurance company representative wants to see costs justified and controlled. So do we! It's our money that is being used.

These are a few of the highlights that constitute workable and effective activities for reducing workmen's compensation costs. That only large motor carriers can do these things is an erroneous impression. Any motor transportation firm headed by a management with sound vision and a well-rounded understanding of all operating costs can apply these principles and save needless expenditures of time and money.

Those dollars you get back represent what occupational injuries might have but didn't cost you.

When the gap between what comes in and what goes out shrinks too much, take another look at both direct and intangible, but nevertheless realistic, expenditures from which you get no return for your investment. This deplorable expense is created by blundering mistakes we erroneously call accidents. With the steady trend toward higher workmen's compensation costs ranging from rates to benefits, it is imperative that the use of all possible controls be employed to reduce, industrial injuries. It is being done!

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## New Techniques for Gluing Wood Tried in Truck Body

A PROTOTYPE wood body for the Army's standard 2½-ton truck has been completed by Timber Engineering Co., research affiliate of the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. Using one-piece, laminated frame members, the body incorporates new processes for

gluing treated lumber and new waterproof glues.

Although no specific cost figures are available at present, the company reports that using assembly line operation, the wood bodies can be built at a cost within the practical limits accepted

by U. S. Army Ordnance, and that the same techniques and materials applied to mass production of commercial vehicle bodies would make wood bodies competitive with those of steel or other metals.

Says the research company, "There is no reason why manufacturers cannot put all-wood truck bodies into production for commercial use. It was not possible two or three years ago because at that time the process of gluing treated lumber was not known. Since then, we have found out how to do it. Also, we had no suitable waterproof glues—now we do."

Said to be stronger and lighter than the old box-like wood bodies used during World War II, the new wood bodies feature one-piece, U-shaped, bent, laminated frame members. These frame members extend down one side, across under the bottom, and up the other side, similar to a ship's frame.



Edge-glued, solid red oak side panels are glued to one piece, U-shaped, bent, laminated frame members in the body

Side and floor panels are made of edge-glued solid red oak. The side panels are glued permanently to the frames to make a one-piece truss of the entire structure. Floor panels are made in four sections for ease of assembly and quick replacement. To avert possibility of buckling, the floor panels are attached to the frames with expansion bolts operating through elliptical-shaped holes. This is to compensate for any lateral movement.

All wood parts of the truck body have been thoroughly impregnated, said to provide complete protection from fungus attack and decay. Further, they have been treated with a dimensional stabilizing chemical to minimize shrinking and swelling.

The adhesive, used in laminating the frames and edge-gluing the solid lumber parts for sides and floor, is 100 per cent waterproof to prevent delamination, even in exposure to humid tropical conditions or complete immersion in water.

This body has been designated as -Type III. Type I will have red oak plywood glued over both sides of the laminated frame members, and Type II will have the plywood on the floor only.



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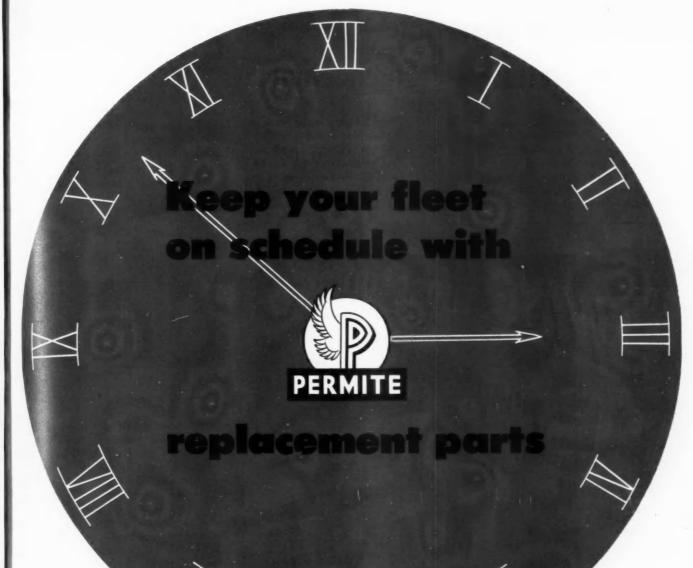
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# Mighty Mite Incorporates New Engineering

RECENTLY demonstrated in a series of tests by the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., a new lightweight utility truck has been developed by Mid-America Research Corp., Wheatland, Pa. Known as the "Mighty Mite," the 4 x 4 truck is designed for tactical use

by front line infantry units and is suitable for transport by helicopter.

With a 50 mph cruising speed, the "Mighty Mite" is powered by a 4-cylinder, horizontal opposed overhead valve air-cooled engines. Original models were equipped with Porsche engines

rated at 44 hp at 4000 rpm. The Lycoming-Spencer aircraft engine, Model 0-145 rated at 65 hp at 2600 rpm is now under consideration as a replacement for the Porsche engine.

An air-cooled engine was selected because of its light weight. Also, since it does not require liquid coolants there are no problems with anti-freeze, ruptured or loose hose connections or thermostats.

Curb weight of the vehicle is 1496 lb. It can carry a payload of 1000 lbs on the highway, 500 lb on cross country operation.





The single unit lightweight transmission combines three speeds forward and one reverse. Of synchromesh design with hi-lo range pattern, it includes a non-spin type differential between the forward and rear differential. This eliminates one external control handle and keeps the vehicle in positive four wheel drive at all times.

Brakes are four-wheel, chassis mounted, conventional two-shoe hydraulic, with built-in self-adjusting features. They are sealed against dirt and water.

Front and rear axles are independent suspensions. Use of cantilever leaf springs provides a dampening action which practically eliminates the necessity of shock absorbers.

A pivot center steering system is used to eliminate most of the steering geometry problems encountered on other conventional vehicles. It is said to prevent transmission of any road shock to the steering wheel, and to give a feeling similar to the power steering type.

The truck has a 64½ in. wheelbase, 96 in. overall length, 58 in. overall width. Standard height is 58 in., but this can be reduced to 45 in. in a matter of seconds by loosening two wingnuts on the windshield and folding it to the horizontal position. A single cam-lever on the steering column permits dropping the column on the seat cushion and allows a 3 in. adjustment to suit the various sizes of operators.

The utility type body has two seats, while two other men may ride on the fender wells.

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## Metro Body Heater Features Even Temperatures

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veloped through the joint efforts of Metropolitan's engineering staff and engineers of the Evans Products Co., Plymouth, Mich.

The unit has a rated output of 20,-000 BTU, moves 175 cu ft of heated air per minute through the truck body. Under normal conditions there is only

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a 5-deg temperature drop between the driver's seat and the rear door of the

The heater is installed just above the radiator core. Shielding closes off the area around the outside of the core



so that all air entering the front grill of the truck must pass through the core, providing a degree of preheating when the truck is in operation. The preheated air is then drawn up through the heater core from which it is delivered to the truck body.

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The core is of the fin and tube type, has heavy gage brass tanks with beaded reinforcement. It is the same size as that used in Evans' underseat bus heaters. The heater motor is a heavy duty, continuous service bus type, equipped with long life brushes designed for low ampere operation. A special type axial flow fan is used to assure an even flow of heat to all outlets under the required pressure.

Compact installation of the heating unit is obtained by addition of a V-shaped stamping which comprises



the ductwork and which raises the cowl flush with the bottom of the windshield. This cover is made to conform with the V contour of the windshield cowl and is installed on its top. A rectangular hole big enough to accommodate the heater is cut in the V-shaped cowl at the apex of the windshield. The duct and motor housing stamping is then installed after the heater has been connected.

In addition to the two over-sized hinged defroster vents the duct stamping has three conveniently located hinged doors which can be operated from the driver's seat. At the left side of the enclosed duct cover is a vertical duct that opens just above the truck floor board to the left of the clutch pedal. If desired, heat can be directed to the truck floor.

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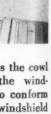
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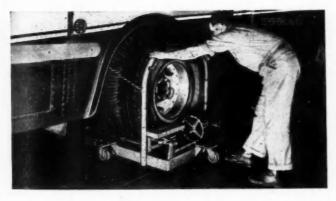
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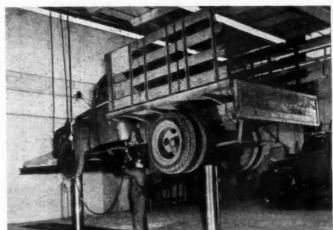
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## Better Roads— How to Get Them

A DEQUATE Roads was the subject of a recent SAE dinner-meeting of the Metropolitan Section recently, when two well-known speakers took to the podium. Arthur C. Butler, Director of the National Highway Users Conference, briefed a group on PAR, or Project Adequate Roads. He voiced the hope that the engineers would carry on active support for better highway systems, and he emphasized the need for immediate action in improving our present day inadequate streets and roads.

Roy E. Jorgensen, Engineering Counsel of the Conference, described a relatively new method for arriving at highway improvement priorities. The method, termed Sufficiency Ratings, was called a "businesslike approach to the highway problem." Mr. Jorgensen outlined in detail a method of improving program reports from state highway departments.

"Most highway departments make annual or biennial reports," he said, but they are not program reports." He continued, "Probably in many cases, the reports are prepared and published to meet legislative or administrative requirements. In general, they are accounting, rather than program reports. They contain a mass of statistical data showing what monies have been spent, equipment purchased, and mileages of road types by counties or towns. They contain also, a description of the activities of the several divisions or bureaus of the highway department. Many of these reports are excellent for their purpose-an historical record of the department activities for a year or a biennium. But, they are not the kind of simple, easy-to-read report on the highway and street system that is needed to obtain and maintain an informed public.

"It has been shown that we need an annual inventory of the highway system as a sound basis for a businesslike approach to highway planning and programming. But, so also do we need a clear-cut, simple presentation of the inventory, so the public, highway users, and the legislators, can understand how the highway business stands. It needs to be made annually, so the interested individuals do not lose touch between reports, as might occur with more infrequent reporting. Annual reports are essential, too, so progress

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from year to year is consistently brought to the attention of everyone interested.

"I call these annual reports, program reports, yet I have been talking about an inventory and laying stress on annual reporting of the inventory. I have done this, because I am convinced that the inventory is the basic essential to any good program for adequate roads. If we have a good inventory which reflects the condition and adequacy of all parts of the road system, we can be fairly confident that the annual programs will be well established and directed toward orderly development of the highway system, with proper attention to the most urgent needs. Particularly, will this be true if wide publicity is given to the annual inventory.

"However, in the interests of presenting an effective picture of the highway system and its development, I suggest that the annual program report include a listing of project accomplishments during the past year, and a listing of projects which will be undertaken in the next year. Every effort and all the ingenuity of the highway engineers should be directed toward making these listings as informative and effective as possible, illustrating what is being done, what criteria have determined the inclusion of projects and, as well, the conditions which make necessary the postponement of certain projects, even though the existing facility is critically deficient. Illustrations, particularly maps and charts, should be helpful in presenting the story in a manner that all can understand.

"It is possible that in some states, it will be found necessary to get legislative authorization for annual program reporting."

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and a listing of principal applications. Earth moving equipment powered by General Motors two-cycle diesel engines in from 10 to 34 ton capacity is described in a new catalog. You can obtain a copy from Euclid Road Machinery Co., Cleveland 17. Ohio.

Motor flush, its advantages and uses, are described and results of actual tests illustrated in brief publication available from Gulf Oil Corp., Gulf Bldg., Pitts-burgh, Pa. Write for No. AD 5573, "Gulf Motor Flush."

Fire prevention publications, in addition to those listed on page xx, are listed in a bibliography issued free by National Fire Protection Assn., 60 Batterymarch St., Boston 10, Mass. Of interest to fleet operators is a 42-page publication, "Employee Organization for Fire Safety," available from the association at 50¢ each.

"High Speed Diesel Engines" by P. M. Heldt has recently been issued in its seventh edition. This well-known reference book, by the equally well-known dean of automotive editors, covers theory, design, application, operation and fuels. The latest edition includes a new pair of tables of crank arrangements for twostroke engines, with expressions for any unbalanced forces and couples for different arrangements. There is also a discussion of the problem of atmospheric variables (pressure, temperature and humidity) on the output and fuel economy of the diesel. The book is published by P. M. Heldt, Nyack 9, N. Y. Price \$7.00.

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Petroleum products and lubricants described according to ASTM Standards are covered in the latest edition of "ASTM Standards on Petroleum Products and Lubricants." Copies are available from the American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., at \$5.75 each in heavy paper cover and \$6.40 each in cloth cover.

Safety services and accident prevention aids available from the National Safety Council are described in the Council's new Service Guide No. 2.1. For your copy write the Council at 425 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11.

Fleet maintenance record forms are described in a catalog available from Fleet Forms, P. O. Box 793, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Gas are welding with Heliare torches is described in a new catalog available from Linde Air Products Co., 30 East 42nd St., New York 17.

Heavy duty dump truck bodies and hoists made by Gar Wood Industries, (TURN TO PAGE 188, PLEASE)



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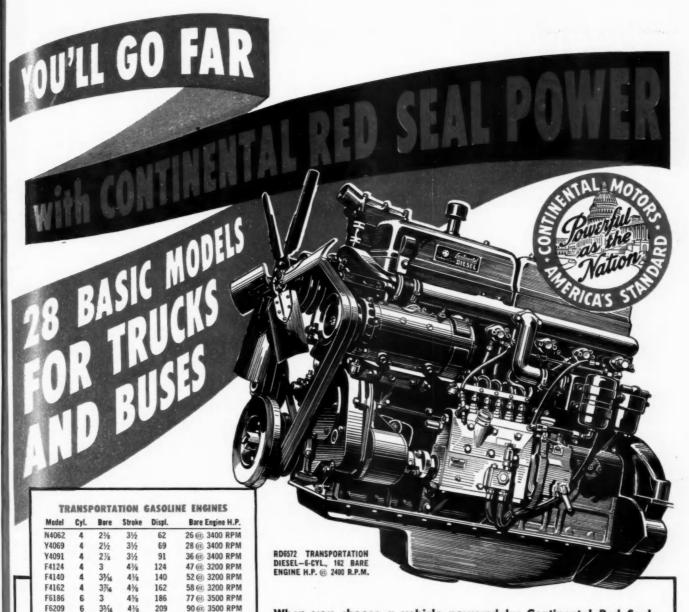
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Inc., Wayne, Mich., are listed and described in their new catalog No. HB 302.

Welding advantages and techniques are covered in a 19 min film that may be borrowed without cost by contacting Technical Information Service, Dept. "P," Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., 172nd St. and Northern Blvd., Flushing 58, N. Y.

Hydraulic pullers in use on truck and automobile maintenance are shown in a

new service manual. You can get a copy by writing Owatonna Tool Co., 341 Cedar St., Owatonna, Minn., asking for Power Twin Bulletin No. HY 1953.

Freight claims are discussed in a new book, "Law of Freight Loss and Damage Claims," by John M. Miller, executive secretary, National Freight Claim Council, American Trucking Assns. For information on this 632-page volume, write to publisher, Wm. C. Brown, Dubuque, Iowa.

Methods, time study and wage incentive terms are defined in a new publication designed to aid in labor contract discussions. Copies are available at \$1.00 each from Society for Advancement of Management, 411 Fifth Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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Flexible metal hose products produced by Universal Metal Hose Co. are described in Technical Data Book No. U-111. The address is 2133 South Kedzie Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

COE trucks in Mack's new H series are described in a catalog available from Mack Motor Truck Corp., Empire State Bldg., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

Brass fitting identification chartdouble compression, inverted flare tube, SAE flared tube and solderless compression-can be had from E. Edelmann and Co., 2332 Logan Blvd., Chicago 47, Ill.

Petroleum transport tank trailers with capacities from 4000 gal up, just announced by The Heil Co., are covered in Bulletin No. TT53213. Write for a copy at Milwaukee 1, Wis., or Hillside, N. J.

Vehicle fueling and tire servicing equipment as a way to reduce operating costs and increase shop efficiency are described in a folder available from John Wood Co., Bennett Pump Division, Muskegon, Mich.

Truck refrigeration without use of gasoline engines is explained in Bulletin No. K-T available from Kold-Hold Mig. Co., Lansing, Mich. The bulletin describes the company's compressor unit that is driven from the propeller shaft, power take-off or live axle.

Summary of state laws governing fees and taxes applicable to motor trucks is available without charge to members of the Private Carrier Conference, American Trucking Assns., Inc., 1424 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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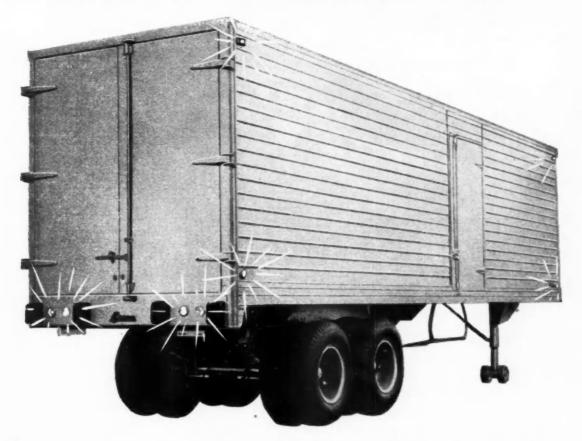
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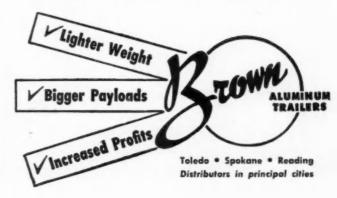
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## FACTORY FLASHES



Babaco Alarm Systems, Inc., New York City, has appointed three new service agencies, American Tire Co., Atlanta, Ga.; Leo A. Cavanaugh, Inc., Manchester, N. H., and Klaus G. Citterman, Portland, Ore.

White Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio, recently conducted a group of Ohio State University industrial engineering students through its plant.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co. has purchased the earth-moving machinery business of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., including plants at Peoria, Ill., and Toccoa, Ga. Le Tourneau will continue to operate its Vicksburg, Miss., and Longview, Texas, plants, producing land clearing equipment and cranes.

Topper Equipment Co. has now moved to its new 40,000 sq ft manufacturing plant at Rahway, N. J.

B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio, has acquired the sales offices and business of Walter W. Metzger, Inc., distributor of Koroseal upholstery material. It will be operated as a part of Goodrich's plastic products division under the supervision of A. W. Ketlar. Metzger will continue with the unit as a consultant. The address remains the same, 801 Fisher Bldg., Detroit.

Miller Mfg. Co., Detroit, has acquired full ownership of Bonney Forge and Tool Works, Allentown, Pa. Bonney will continue operation as a subsidiary of Miller.

Transportation Equipment Co., Newark, N. J., has added sales and service of Cresci dump and high-lift coal bodies to its line.

Bendix - Westinghouse Automotive Air Brake Co. has begun construction of a new plant in Oklahoma City, Okla. The company's Elyria, Ohio, has been expanded another 120,000 sq ft.

Accurate Parts Mfg. Co. and Replacement Unit Co., both of Cleveland, Ohio, have been merged with Maremont Automotive Products, Inc., Chicago. The two companies will continue to operate as subsidiaries of Maremont.

Oil Dri Corp., Chicago, has recently expanded its field sales program to help fleetmen with oil and grease floor maintenance problems.

Perry Filter division, R. M. Hollingshead Corp., headquarters are now centered in Camden, N. J.

Raybestos - Manhattan, Inc., has moved to its new office and warehouse at 6010 Northwest Highway, Chicago.

Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit, announced total 1952 sales of \$162,809,644 as compared to 1951's \$161,612,310. Net earnings for 1952 were \$5,711,525.

Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., Flushing, N. Y., has opened a new eastern divisional office at Industrial Bldg., 1060 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Owatonna Tool Co., Owatonna, Minn., has a new warehouse service at 76 Fourth St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Reo Motors, Inc., Lansing, Mich., has announced an optional front end design for all its trucks and tractors with overall dimension of 102 in.

Fram Corp., Providence, R. I., now offers a 90 day, money back guarantee on its positive crankcase ventilator.

International Harvester Co., Chicago, has opened its new branch at South Clinton and Duck Sts., Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Seiberling Rubber Co., will produce tires for Standard Oil Co. of Ohio to sell under the Atlas brand name.

Fram Corp., Providence, R. I., reports consolidated net earnings per share of common stock of \$1.24 after taxes for 1952 as compared with \$1.09 in 1951.



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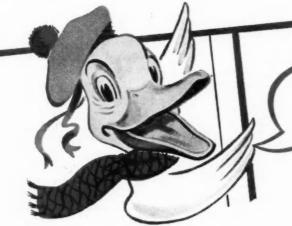
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H. P. Welch Co., Sommerfield, Mass., opened a new truck terminal in West Springfield, Mass. The company is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Scherer Freight Lines, Inc., Ottawa, Ill., moved into its new Chicago terminal. The dock will accommodate 56 trucks at one time; 25 can be loaded inside the building under cover.

All States Freight, Inc., Akron, Ohio, opened new terminal in Baltimore, Md.

North American Van Lines, Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind., announced a record 1952 hauling revenue of \$16,345,572, a gain of 40.7 per cent over 1951.

Pacific Intermountain Express, Oak. land, Cal., has started operations at its new Las Vegas, Nev., terminal and has established a branch terminal at Provo,

Virginia - Carolina Transportation Co. and Eastern Terminals, Inc., have new terminals under construction for their use in Philadelphia.

Consolidated Freightways, Portland, Ore., had a .96 claim ratio for 1952 as compared to 1.18 in 1951.

Watson Bros. Transportation Co., Omaha, Nebr., has inaugurated a seven card draw poker safety contest. Each week, each no-accident city driver draws from a deck of cards. At the end of the seven-week period, the best five-card poker hand wins the prize.

U. S. Truck Co., Inc., Detroit, has ordered 25 Trailmobile, 34-ft trailers with 9-ft spread tandems.

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Aero Mayflower Transit Co., Indianapolis, Ind., is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

R. C. Motor Lines, Jacksonville, Fla., also is marking its quarter century birth-

Branch Motor Express Co., New York City, for the third year has won the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.'s plaque for "outstanding achievement in cargo loss prevention.

Interstate Motor Freight System, Grand Rapids, Mich., had a 1952 claim ratio of 1.01 as compared with 1.14 for 1951.

Adley Express Co., New Haven, Conn., is now two-time winner of Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.'s plaque for "outstanding achievement in cargo loss prevention.

Harris Express, Inc., Charlotte, N. C., won the Grand Slam award and plaque for "outstanding achievement in cargo loss prevention" from Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Harris's Grand Slam award resulted from being tops in vehicle accident, personal injury and cargo loss and damage prevention.

Wooster Express, Inc., Hartford, Conn., now has a new terminal under construction at Long Island City, N. Y.

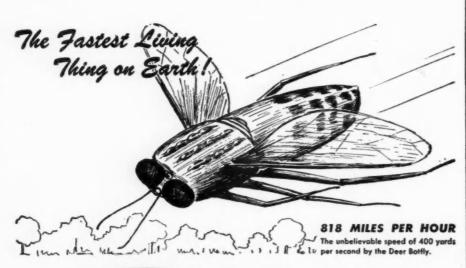
Watson Bros. Transportation Co., Omaha, Nebr., reports a 40 per cent drop in accident frequency in the past four years.

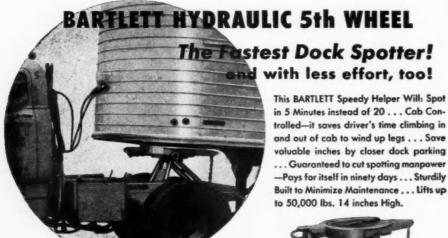
Intercity Transportation Co., Brockton, Mass., has a new terminal in the Long Island area as a center for its New York and New Jersey operations.

Luper Transportation Co., Tulsa, Okla., expects to have its new home office and terminal completed about July 1.

Chippewa Motor Freight, Bloomer, Wis., has opened its new, larger Chicago terminal.

Middle States Motor Freight, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, has acquired new general offices and terminal at 2955 Central Parkway.





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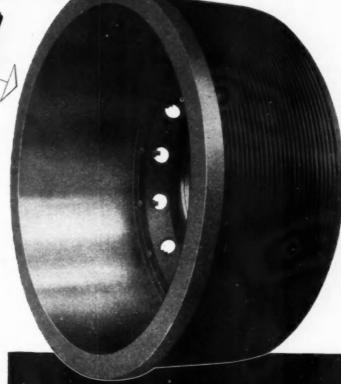
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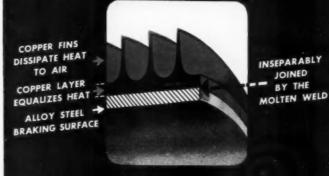
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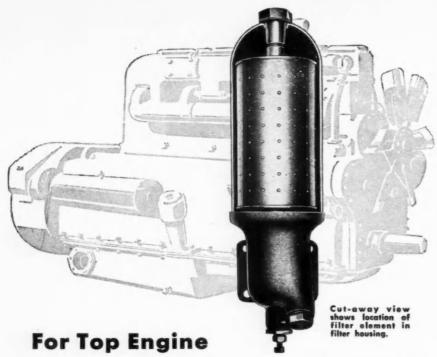
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... Paul E. Deal, as zone operating manager with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, and Bert Christopher and Alfred E. Vogt, as district managers in Kansas City and Oklahoma City, respectively, The B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio.

... Roger S. Pyne, as vice president in charge of the Machine Tool Division, and Wilbur Hyland and Norman J. Leary, as division managers in Omaha and Cleveland, respectively, Van Norman Co., Springfield, Mass.

... Howard P. Strother, assistant to the vice president in charge of sales and assistant wholesale manager, The White Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio.



...Lou C. Doss, as southern sales division manager, Trailmobile, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

... W. A. Mattie, as general manager, Heater Division, Eaton Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

... Edward L. Kraft, as sales manager, Durite Products, Chemical Division, Borden Co., Philadelphia.



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...R. G. Myers, as southwestern district manager, Davey Compressor Co., Kent, Ohio

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... William C. Mueller, advertising manager, Dole Refrigerating Co., Chicago.



... Ross R. Dunn, as vice president and director of sales, Hastings Mig. Co., liastings, Mich.

... Edward Gray, as assistant to the general manager, coach and aircraft division, The White Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
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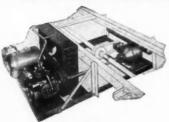
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... Edward J. Connors, advertising and sales promotion manager, Standard - Thomson Corp., Dayton Ohio.



... Edward R. Staske and John R. Kix, as district representatives in the Chicago and Philadelphia areas, respectively, Radiator Specialty Co., Charlotte, N. C.

... Clifford Bailey, as vice president, California Cartage Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

...D. J. Byrd, as assistant sales manager, Wayne Division, Gar Wood Industries, Inc., Wayne, Mich.



...A. E. Wilson, sales engineer, The Timken - Detroit Axle Co., Detroit.

... H. W. Jahn, as assistant sales manager, Transport Trailers, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

...Joseph Halperin, as general manager and general sales manager, Aeroil Products Co., Inc., South Hackensack, N. J.

... Richard E. Jacobs, as Detroit area representative, Ross and White Co., Chicago.

... N. W. Seidel, vice president in charge of sales, Fargo Division, Chrysler Corp., Detroit.



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... Jack I. Pope, Henry A. Nichols, Howard Price, John Havelka, H. C. Stivers and D. S. Bruce, as territory managers, and Michael Tidd, Robert Abodeely, George Heaton and H. B. Turner, as territory representatives, The AP Parts Corp., Toledo, Ohio.

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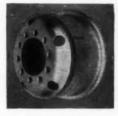


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... Michael J. McCormack, as vice president and general sales manager, Breeze Corps., Inc., Newark, N. J.

... Robert G. Chelton, as sales manager, Alkon Products Corp., New York City.

... Theodore E. Metz, advertising manager, Federal Fawick Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.



... John D. Williams, as vice president and general manager, Rollway Bearing Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.

... Frank E. Phillips, as senior vice president, and William A. Blume, as vice president in charge of sales, Gemmer Mfg. Co., Detroit.

... Ted E. Fenker, as service manager, National Lift Co., Ypsilanti, Mich.



... Roger O. Bay, sales manager, Tool Division, Bonney Forge and Toll Works, Allentown, Pa.

... James C. Morrison, as Detroit plant manager, Federal-Mogul Corp., Detroit.

... Ed Lester, as central western district manager; W. H. Courtright, as special eastern representative, and Fred J. Fandrei, as middle Atlantic states district manager, Maremont Automotive Products, Inc., Chicago.

... Walter C. Smart, vice president in charge of sales, Twin Coach Co., Kent, Ohio.



...R. H. Tomlinson, as central-southern regional representative, Galion Allsteel Body Co., Galion, Ohio.

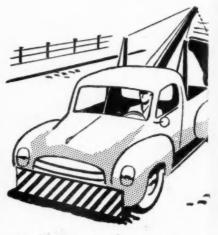
... H. I. Nichols, as sales engineer and design counselor, Carry-All Division, Morrison Steel Products, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

...A. D. Sullivan, as vice president in charge of engineering, Brunner Mfg. Co., Utica, N. Y.

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### Driver of the Year

S. R. Burkholder, 43, of Sparks, Nev., a tractor, semi-trailer driver for Garrett Freightlines, Inc., Pocatello, Idaho, has been named "Driver of the Year" for 1952 by the American Trucking Assns. He is married and has two children and a grandchild. A member of Local 533 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters at Reno, Burkholder has driven more than 1,500,000 miles without an accident since he began driving a truck in 1925, an average of 55,000 miles a year.

Burkholder won the coveted honor over contestants from all parts of the country who, like himself, had been nominated by the trucking associations in their own states after winning the State Driver of the year award. The judges, in selecting Burkholder, emphasized their choice had been dictated by Burkholder's extreme heroism in trying to rescue, at the risk of his own life, a New York family of six from a burning automobile last year on Route 40 near Reno, Nevada.

The judges also gave an honorable mention award to John A. Jacobs, 57, of Racine, Wis., driver for Service Transport Co., Racine, who has had no chargeable accidents in 28 years of driving. Mr. Jacobs is married and has two children.

#### **New NCPMTO Head**

James D. Mann, currently with the Department of Justice, has been appointed Managing Director of the National Council of Private Motor Truck

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Owners, Inc., effective May 11, 1953. He was, for many years, connected with the National Industrial Traffic League and during the war, served as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve.

## Maintenance Course

To help the New Jersey motor fleetmen, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., will provide a week's school on maintenance problems, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Emphasizing preventive maintenance for buses, trucks, and trailers, the five-day program will cover inspection and maintenance of brakes, steering wheels, cooling system, transmissions and clutches, axles, ignition, wiring, engines, carburetors, wheels, bearings, pistons, cylinders, fuels and oils. A nearby maintenance shop will be used in connection with the lectures to provide experience in detecting trouble

#### H. C. Fruehauf Retires

Retirement of Harvey C. Fruehauf, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit, since 1949, has been announced. He will continue to serve as a Director and will hold the title of Honorary Chairman of the company.

#### Trailer Interchange

After an informal opinion from W. Y. Blanning, Interstate Commerce Commission Bureau of Motor Carriers director, that interchanged trailers would have to be returned to the interchange point "with dispatch" without regard for freight under the proposed ICC leasing repulations, two common carriers petitioned ICC to make certain the regulations would not interfere with trailer interchange. A similar request was made in a letter to Blanning by ATA's Munitions Carriers Conference. (TURN TO PAGE 204, PLEASE)

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Blanning's reply to the letter said, "It is possible that some provision will be made . . . ," expressed the opinion that, if the interchange agreement provides for return of the trailer to the owner and originating carrier in connection with any through movement of traffic, the leasing rules would not apply. (Latest Congressional action on

the proposed amendment to the ICC Act to permit leasing is reported on page 58.)

#### **New BPR Chief**

Francis V. du Pont, new Commissioner of Public Roads, was recently interviewed and expressed a few ideas on the federal-aid highway program. Among them were:

He would try to obtain state highway administrators complete support of the federal government's highway program. That while all highways cannot be built to maximum standards, the maintenance of the interstate highway network is essential.

General highway revenues should be distributed primarily in sparsely populated areas where user tax collections are insufficient to support the basic needs for intercity roads.

There would be no need for a new study of highway user cost allocation as he doubts it would prove anything or would the result be accepted by all groups concerned.

The question of whether commercial users paid a fare share of highway costs was a matter to be determined by legislators in individual states.

du Pont also expressed opposition to construction of secondary roads with large portions of federal aid and to the earmarking of highway user revenues for road purposes, comparing the latter to the use of alcohol taxes for the benefit of alcoholics.

### **Highway Management**

The Department of Commerce has announced that the consultant firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton is making a management survey of the Bureau of Public Roads as the first step in a review of the federal-aid highway program.

### Fruehauf VP Dies

F. M. Reid, vice president in charge of engineering, Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit, died suddenly on May 11. A member of the company's board of directors, Reid was at Fruehauf for over 30 years.

## N. Y. Ton-Mile Tax

Effective July 1, 1953, the exemption from the New York ton-mile tax for vehicles operated exclusively within the incorporated limits of a city or village, or Public Service Commission zone is abolished. Permission to file truck mileage tax returns on a quarterly basis is revoked effective June 30, 1953.

#### Pennsylvania Weight

In Pennsylvania, the Joint State Government Commission has recommended an increase in the presently permitted GVW. Present axle weight limits of 20,000 lb for single axles and 36,000 lb for tandem axles would be retained, but a formula is set-up to allow 58,500 lb GVW for a single-axle tractor and tandem-axle semi-trailer combination and 61,500 lb GVW for a tandem-axle tractor and tandem-axle semi-trailer combination. The proposed new limit for single-axle tractor and single-axle



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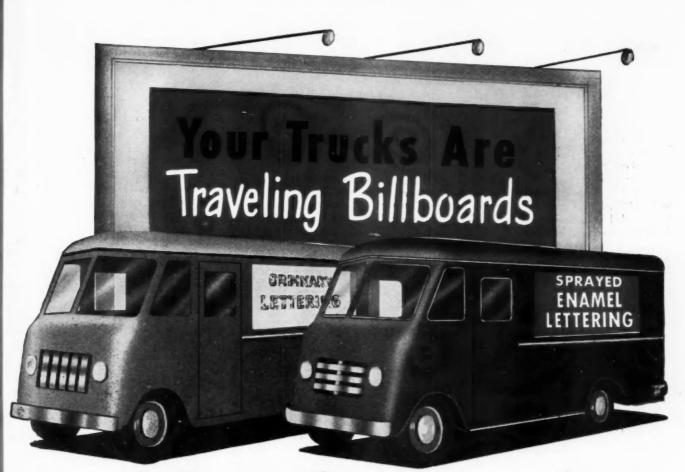
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## 1953 Domestic Truck Factory Sales by G.V.W.\*

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47,234	19,101	3,669	12,622	3,344	8,271	3,638	97,879
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55,910	22,798	5,588	19,354	4,776	9,067	4,550	122,043
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<sup>\*</sup> Automobile Manufacturers Association.

semi-trailer combinations under the formula would be 48,000 lb GVW.

Although up to press time no specific bill incorporating the recommended changes had been introduced, another bill, HB 1034, was pending and could be amended in committee in line with the legislative committee's proposals.

#### Truck Price Drop

A reduction in the retail prices of its light, medium, and light-heavy duty R-line models of motor trucks has been announced by the International Harvester Co., Chicago. Price reductions cover the company's R-110, 120, 130, 150, 160, 170, and 180-model series. Downward price adjustments range from 3.5 per cent on the R-180 series to 10.6 per cent on the R-120 pickup models. The overall price reduction in these weight categories amounts to about 6.7 per cent.

### 1953 Truck Trailer Shipments

	March	Three Months
Vans		
Insulated and refrigerated	-	
Steel	73	200
Aluminum	241	858
Steel	166	378
Aluminum	100	310
All other closed-top vans		
Steel	1.024	2,758
Aluminum	1.053	2,991
Open-top	.,	-,
Steel	187	454
Aluminum	192	490
TotalVans	2,936	8,098
Tanks		
Petroleum	389	972
Food	25	90
L. P. G.	16	32
All other	50	102
TotalTanks	480	1,196
Pole, Pipe & Logging		
Single Axle	60	185
Tandem Axle	114	248
Total	174	433
Piatforms		
Racks, livestock and stake	710	2.057
Grain bodies	94	330
Flats, all types	966	2,509
Total-Platforms	1,770	4,896
Low-bed haulers	363	885
Dump trailers	81	229
All other trailers	479	943
Total Complete Trailers	6,283	16,678
Converter dollies		811
Chassis only		820
Total—Trailers and Chassis	6.714	18,309

### **Tunnel Speeds**

The New York Port Authority has announced that effective the first of (TURN TO PAGE 208, PLEASE)

#### **Trucktor's New Plant**



The Trucktor Corp. is now located at its new plant on U. S. Route No. 22, Mountainside, N. J., 12 miles west of Newark. The new plant has ample facilities for machine shop work, storage of material and installation of the company's single and tandem trailing axle suspensions.

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this month the *minimum* speed in the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels as well as the 178 and 179th St. tunnels at the George Washington Bridge will be 20 mph.

## **Explosives Warning**

Warnings on the transport of explosives and other dangerous articles by motor carriers have been distributed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Bureau of Motor Carriers, in Philadelphia, as follows:

"In accordance with the regulations governing the transportation of explosives and other dangerous articles, the shipper of such material must describe the article in the shipping document by the shipping name used in section 72.5 of the regulations, must designate the type of label required, if any, and must certify that the description, packing and marking are in accordance with the regulations described

by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The waybill, manifest, dispatch, memorandum receipt, bill of lading, transfer sheet, or interchange record used for transferring such shipments to a connecting carrier must properly describe the articles and show the color of label applied.

"It has come to my attention that in some instances carriers are failing to properly describe shipments and show the color of label applied, in the billing used for transferring shipments to connecting carriers. While the failure of the originating or intermediate carriers does not relieve connecting carriers from any responsibilities, such failure may be one of the chief contributing causes of placarding violations.

"The necessity for strict observance of the regulations governing the transportation of explosives and other dangerous articles cannot be stressed too strongly."

## Los Angeles Truck Show

West coast operators will have an opportunity to see a full line at the fourth annual truck, trailer and equipment show at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium, June 18-21, Los Angeles, Cal.

#### Safety Awards

Companies recently awarding their outstanding, safe drivers include:

Indianapolis Forwarding Co., Indianapolis, Ind.—to 60 drivers. Thirty-three of these have a total record of more than 10,000,000 miles of accident free driving.

Portland-Seattle Auto Freight, Inc., Seattle, Wash.—to 32 drivers. Awards were presented by Mayor Allan Pomeroy at the company's annual safety breakfast.

Lombard Bros. Trucking Co., Waterbury, Conn.—to 46 drivers. For their records of from one to eight years of no-accidents, the drivers got electric razors, radios and watches.

Southern Express Co., Cicero, Ill.—to four drivers. Individually, the records were 15, 12, 11 and 10 years of driving without accidents.

Stillpass Transit Co., Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio—to 15 drivers. Three had five-year no-accident records, five had two-year records and seven had one-year records.

Service Transport, Inc., Racine, Wis.—to 22 drivers. In addition to a pin, the drivers were awarded \$25 each.

Safeway Stores, Inc., Arizona—to 20 drivers. Included were 12 three-year no-accident records, four two-year records and four one-year records.

Hearin Tank Lines, Inc., Baton

Rouge, La.—to 42 drivers. Awards

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were made at the company's annual picnic.

Intercity Transportation Co., Brockton, Mass.—to 31 drivers. Two of the drivers, each with a 14 year safety record, received engraved wrist watches.

Buckingham Transportation, Inc., Rapid City, S. D.—to 20 drivers. One driver received a 300,000 mile award.

Bell Lines, Inc., Charleston, W. Va., —to 32 drivers. Top award, for 16 years of safe driving, was a wrist watch.

#### **New State Laws**

Since last month's report, many more bills affecting truck and bus fleetmen have been enacted into law in the several states. Arranged alphabetically by state, they include:

California: S 1527—adding a section to Agricultural Code relative to inspection of vehicles used in transport of meat. H 2944—reducing length of poles or pipes that may be carried without a permit to

Colorado: H 250—providing for establishing ports of entry.

Iowa: H 222-exempting emergency utility repsir equipment from maximum length requirements. S 388-eliminating tolerance in overweight violations, H 317 -requiring new vehicles sold after Dec. 31, 1953, be equipped with front and rear turn signals. S 264-redefining chauffeur's license to include drivers of trucks over three tons. S 152-requiring certificate of public convenience and necessity for all motor carriers irrespective of route. S 388 -increasing gross weights permitted under axle spacing table ranging from 32,000 lb for 4 ft spacing to 65,478 lb for 42 ft spacing; providing that no fine shall be levied if overweight does not exceed specified tolerance but, if it does, fine shall be computed on difference between actual weight and maximum legal weight. S 151-including as intrastate carriers those starting in Iowa for another point in the state although leaving the state en route. H 317-requiring reflectors on commercial vehicles to be visible between 500 to 50 ft. S 245-permitting emergency operation of overweight utility trucks.

Kansas: HCR 21—requiring vehicle owners to pay personal property tax at time of registration.

Maine: H 769—authorizing permits for movement of earth moving equipment over highways between construction projects. H 951—requiring headlights to be dimmed when following another vehicle closer than 100 ft. H 288—authorizing permits for moving heavy objects over highways. H 1050—providing discretion on part of courts in imposing jail sentence for over-

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## Why Are Replacement Valve Seats .008 or .010 Oversize?

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## **Because Portable Cutting Tools Aren't Accurate!**



When the cutter is fed down, the foot will lift slightly even on the best equipment. If the bolt through the Holdown Foot is close to the fulcrum, a fairly accurate hole is made. The hole becomes larger and tapered when the bolt is moved farther from the fulcrum.

In use, the bolt position may change two or three times on the same cylinder head or block, and holes may vary from .001 to .006. This means that press fit interference varies from .002 to .010. The result is excessive press fit, which causes valve port cracks and distorted, cocked seats, which causes valve burning and breakage.



## SCREW-IN VALVE SEAT

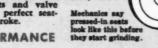
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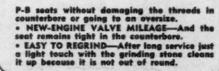
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weight violations. S118-requiring trucks and buses to be equipped with turn signals when constructed or loaded so hand and arm signals are not visible front and

Maryland: S 193-making it a criminal offense to refuse or neglect to pay proper charge due a common carrier. S 4 -increasing to \$10/20/5000 proof of financial responsibility effective June 1, 1953. S 567-amending restrictions on explosives transport. H 351-permitting State Roads Commission to set speed limits for certain hours or certain days. S 506—restricting speed limit of trucks of 7500 lb GVW or more to 10 mph less than for other vehicles except in 35 mph zones. H 19-increasing registration fees; increasing motor fuel tax 1¢ per gal; increasing seat-mile tax and passenger seat

Minnesota: S 1675-amending mudguard requirements to include trailers except pole trailers and dump trucks; prohibiting lamps or wiring on mudguards. H 346-requiring lights to be dimmed when approaching another vehicle from rear within 200 ft. H 1254-providing a maximum length of 45 ft for two units coupled together; limiting vehicles transporting telephone poles to 55 ft. S 1647amends laws relative to overweights. H 21 -increasing proof of financial responsibility for bodily injury or death of one person to \$10,000 and to \$20,000 for two or more persons in one accident. H 713requiring excess size and weight vehicles be covered by liability policy. S 789—amending non-resident reciprocity privi-

Nebraska: LB 548-amending definitions relative to motor carriers. LB 78requiring automatic turn signals on vehicles made after Jan. 1, 1954. LB 364authorizing suspension of operating privilege of those convicted of overweight violations 10 or more times in a 12 month period. LB 18-increasing amount of untaxed fuel that a vehicle may carry entering or leaving the state to 40 gal.

Nevada: S 117-requiring dealers to collect state excise tax on motor fuel at the pump from carriers who do not have fuel permit.

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New Mexico: S 212-requiring semiannual vehicle inspection at official inspection stations; requiring turn signals and stop light on all vehicles made after Jan. 1, 1954.

New York: H 1910-permitting buses operated wholly within a city a length of 40 ft if sanctioned by local law. H 2837prohibiting commercial vehicles from going down grade with gears in neutral or clutch disengaged. S 2506-providing that highway use permit may be denied, suspended or revoked for failure to file return for purposes of tax.

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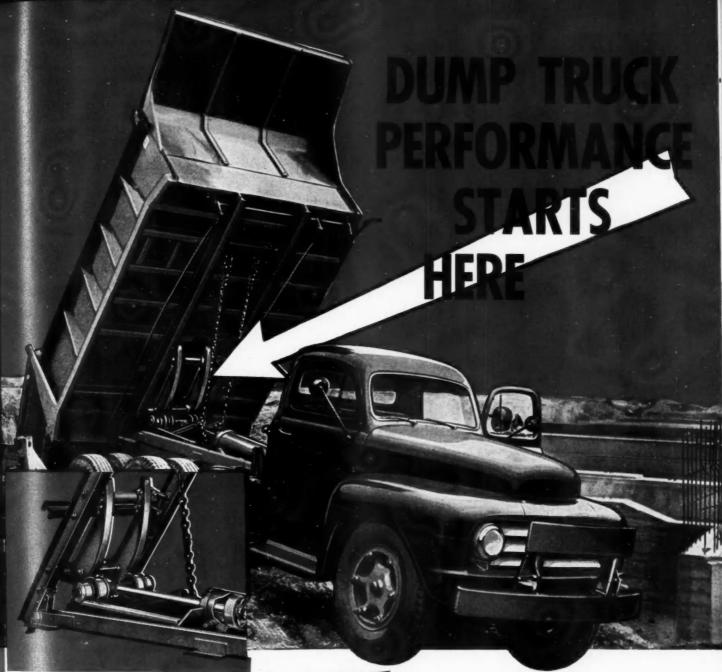
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North Carolina: H 588-providing penalties for axle weight violations but permitting a 1000 lb tolerance before penalties apply. S 325-permitting a 5 in. width tolerance for trucks transporting tobacco hogsheads. H 1115-authorizing Wake County to set speed and weight limits. S 410-permitting trucks hauling logs, bark, pulp, tannic acid, wood and other forest products to be licensed at one-half regular registration fees. H 90prohibiting operation on highway of vehicles altered to increase speed. H 1161requiring person leasing motor vehicles to secure liability insurance for owner and operator. H 622-making it unlawful to operate a vehicle so loaded as to obstruct driver's view. H 655-permitting auto transporters of 40,000 lb GVW or less a height of 131/2 ft. S 220-making changes in definition of "contract carrier vehicles" and "owner" to aid licensing procedure for leased vehicles. S 166-providing a fee of \$1.00 for registration and 25¢ for annual re-registration of vehicles by the Public Utilities Commission.

Oregon: S 125—amending term "motor truck" to include property carrying vehicles of more than 6000 lb GVW; amending terms "truck-tractors," "trailers," "semi-trailers" and "pole" or "pipe dollies" to include property carrying vehicles of combined weight of 4500 lb and providing that \$10 flat registration fee shall apply to such vehicles 6000 lb or less. H 594—redefining "Class D" under the weight-mileage tax to include trucks not purchasing sufficient fuel in Oregon to travel the extreme miles traveled within the state. H 540-requiring approved safety glass in all windows in vehicles made after Jan. 1, 1954, and that all replacements made after that date be of safety glass. H 540-regulates use of glazing materials in motor vehicles. H 595providing restrictions on motor transportation on public highways.

South Carolina: H 1389—extending expiration date of additional tax on gasoline and fuel oil.

Tennessee: S 150—authorizing Safety Commissioner to issue permits for trucks loaded in excess of weight limits. S 924—redefining state's transportation policy relative to passenger fares. S 768—providing for repair liens on motor vehicles.

Washington: S 276—requiring turn signals on vehicles so constructed that distance from center top of steering post to left outside limit of body, cab or load exceeds 24 in., or when more than 14 ft to rear limit of body or load; prohibiting sale of motor vehicles after Jan. 1, 1954, unless equipped with automatic turn signals.

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FLEET training courses have shown themselves to be a cost cutting way in obtaining the trained men needed in truck and bus fleet operation. Here is a list of such courses scheduled throughout the United States. Additional listings are welcome.

#### JUNE

- 8-10—Motor Carrier Claim Prevention Training Course, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.
- 8-12—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.
- 9-11—Motor Fleet Supervisor Refresher Conference, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.
- 15-26—Course for Trainers of Commercial Drivers, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.
- 15-19—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.
- 22-26—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
- 22-26—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.
- 25-26—Motor Fleet Supervisor Refresher Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

#### **AUGUST**

31-Sept. 4—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 14-18—Motor Feet Supervisor Training Course, Institute of Public Safety, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- 21-25—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.
- 28-Oct. 2—Course for Trainers of Commercial Drivers, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.
- 28-Oct. 2—Preventative Maintenance Course for Fleets, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.
- 28-Oct. 2—Motor Fleet Supervisor Refresher Conference (tentative), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

#### **OCTOBER**

12-16—Course for Trainers of Commercial Drivers, Institute of Public Safety, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2- 6—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
- 2- 6—Course for Trainers of Commercial Drivers, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.
  - 9—Top Management Conference for Owners and Senior Executives of Motor Fleets, Institute of Public Safety, Pennsylvania State College, Philadelphia, Pa.
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- 16-20—Motor Fleet Supervisor Training Course, University of Virgina, Charlottsville, Va.

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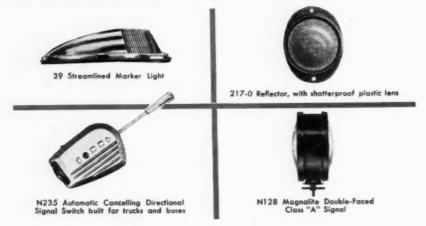
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## **New Products**

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#### P23. No Roll Device

Automotive Division, Wagner Electric Corp., St. Louis, Mo., announces a new, electric-type "NoRol," a safety device to prevent roll-back or creep when a vehicle stops on a hill or grade. It works automatically with the application of the brakes. Brakes are automatically released when the accelerator is touched. It fits all makes and models of cars with hydraulic brakes and equipped with a 6-volt electrical system. Operation is entirely automatic in normal driving.

## P24. Height Adjuster

Adjust-A-Truck, a device designed to raise or lower over-the-road carriers to dock height, has been introduced by Rowe Methods, Inc., Cleveland 13, Ohio. It is especially designed for those firms who do not have adequate room on their docks or in front of their docks to install adjustable dock ramps. The unit is set into the pavement in front of the dock and by means of heavyduty electric hydraulic system, to adjust each vehicle to dock height. Its capacity is 40,000 lb. Standard deck size is 10 by 12 ft.

## **P25. Battery Chargers**

Willard Storage Battery Co., Cleveland, Ohio, has introduced a new line of battery charging equipment in 6 models designed to charge 6 or 12-volt batteries. Thermostatic Control featured on previous 6-volt chargers is offered on three of the new units.

## P26. Body Tool

"Kansas Jack" is the trade name of a new body and sheet metal tool group just announced by Bee Line Co., Davenport, Iowa. It is designed to work around obstructions and apply push or pull pressure. Range is from 1 lb to 1 ton. It can be used for pulling out dented panels, straightening bumpers, correcting sprung doors.

#### P27. Hand Oiler

A new model hand oiler featuring controlled oil flow is announced by K-P Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Model No. 510 has a % pint capacity and is equipped with a detachable heavy duty, 7 in. vertical steel tube spout with steel tip.

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